



Eckington School

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Subject: A Mobile Phone Free School

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware from mainstream news coverage today that the Government has written to headteachers this morning reinforcing its expectations around mobile phone use in schools. I am writing to clarify what this means at Eckington School and to ask for your continued support.

Eckington School is already a Mobile Phone Free School. Mobile phones are not permitted to be used or switched on during the entirety of the school day. If a student is seen using a mobile phone, or if it is switched on, the device will be confiscated and may be collected by the student at the end of the school day; our rules around mobile phone usage sits firmly within the "Prepared" strand of The Eckington Way.

The Government is clear that removing mobile phones from the school day helps students to focus on learning, build positive relationships and develop independence. More information for parents can be found here:

[Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](#)

We ask parents and carers to support the school and the Government's expectations by:

- Ensuring your child understands that their phone must be switched off and kept in their bag throughout the school day
- Not contacting your child directly during school hours
- Not engaging in communication with your child during the school day, even if your child messages you

Please be assured that students can always contact home via Student Reception and parents can contact their child through Main Reception or our Pastoral Support Assistants (PSAs), if there is a genuine need. Our existing systems ensure messages are passed on promptly and appropriately without disrupting learning.

As always, I am incredibly grateful for your continued support in helping us maintain a calm, focused climate for learning and in preparing our wonderful young people for future success.

Yours sincerely

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