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Subject: Update to School Mobile Phone Policy – Effective 29th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of an important update to our school behaviour policy regarding the use of mobile phones.

In line with the Department for Education's (DfE) national guidance on creating mobile phone-free environments in schools, **the use of mobile phones by all pupils will be strictly prohibited on school premises starting Monday, 29th June 2026.**

What is Changing?

- Previously, V.A.S.E Academy operated a policy where Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 pupils were required to hand in their phones upon arrival at school, while Key Stage 5 pupils (Years 12 and 13) were permitted to retain and use their phones within designated post-16 areas.
- **As of 29th June 2026, this exemption will end.** To ensure a consistent and fair environment across the entire academy, **no pupils—including Year 12 and Year 13 students—will be permitted to use or have access to mobile phones at any point during the school day.**

Why Are We Making This Change?

The Department for Education strongly advocates for mobile phone-free environments to optimize student outcomes. Research and guidance highlight clear benefits:

1. **Improved Learning & Focus:** Removing mobile phones eliminates digital distractions, prevents classroom disruption, and directly correlates with better academic focus and progress.
2. **Safeguarding and Well-being:** Limiting phone access mitigates serious safeguarding risks, including online harassment, peer pressure, and cyberbullying, thereby fostering a calmer, safer, and more supportive environment.

Urgent Communication

- We understand that parents may occasionally need to contact their children during the school day. If an urgent message needs to be delivered, please continue to contact the school directly on our main office number. Our staff will ensure that messages are conveyed to your child immediately.
- We appreciate your continued partnership and support in reinforcing these expectations at home to help our pupils achieve their full personal and academic potential.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Majid

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