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Principal – Mike Marshall

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RECENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE TO SCHOOLS – PROHIBITING THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS

We are writing to inform you of recent government guidance regarding the use of mobile phones in schools and how this will be applied at our school.

The Department for Education (DfE) has issued updated guidance advising schools to prohibit the use of mobile phones during the school day. This guidance is intended to support pupils' wellbeing, learning, safeguarding and social development, and to reduce distractions and potential risks associated with mobile phone use in school.

At our school, we are committed to maintaining a safe, calm and supportive learning environment for all. For many of our pupils, reduced distractions and clear, consistent routines are especially important.

What this means for our school

In line with the government guidance:

- Pupils should not use mobile phones during the school day, including during lessons, social times and transitions.
- If a pupil brings a mobile phone to school, it must be switched off and placed into their phone pouch and then locked. Pupils keep their own phone pouches with them throughout the day. Pouches are unlocked at the end of the school day ready for their transportation home.
- Mobile phones are not permitted to be used as a means of contacting home during the school day, unless this is part of an agreed plan for your child that has been agreed by me. All contact home must be supervised by an adult. If a pupil needs to contact home and there is no agreed plan in place, this will be supported by a member of staff using the school's landline phones.
- Any use of mobile phones without permission may result in the phone being confiscated in line with the school's behaviour and safeguarding procedures.

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Reasonable adjustments

We recognise that some pupils may have individual needs where access to a device forms part of an agreed support plan (for example, as part of an EHCP or medical need). In these cases, arrangements will be agreed in advance with parents/carers and clearly communicated to staff and pupils.

Working together

We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing this message with your child and ensuring they understand the expectations around mobile phones in school. By working together, we can help ensure a positive, safe and focused environment for all pupils. If you have any questions or wish to discuss individual circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class / form teacher in the first instance.

The school's 'Pupil Mobile Phone Policy' can be seen in the policies section on our school website – www.turningpointacad.co.uk. If you would like to be sent a paper copy of the policy, please ask your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mike Marshall
Principal

