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1. Introduction and Rationale

- 1.1 Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones, smartwatches, or other internet-enabled devices onto the school site.
- 1.2 The only exception applies to boarding pupils, who may bring mobile phones for use at designated and supervised times.
- 1.3 This policy outlines the arrangements for the safe management, secure storage, and supervised use of such devices, in order to maintain a focused, safe, and secure school environment.
- 1.4 This policy should be read in conjunction with the pupils IT acceptable user agreement, the Safeguarding Policy and the Searching Pupils Policy.
- 1.5 The School recognises that mobile devices can present safeguarding, wellbeing, and behavioural risks, including exposure to inappropriate content, online harm, and distraction from learning and social interaction. This policy is therefore intended to:
- safeguard pupils from online risks and harm;
 - promote positive behaviour and wellbeing;
 - support pupils' engagement in school life without unnecessary distraction; and
 - ensure appropriate boundaries between school and home life.
- 1.6 Where devices are permitted for use, the School maintains appropriate filtering and monitoring systems on its network to help safeguard pupils. All use of the School's network is subject to these systems.

2. Arrival and Storage

- 2.1 Upon arrival at school, or at the start of each term, boarding pupils must comply with the following:
- **Mandatory check-in:** All mobile phones must be handed to the Front Office immediately upon arrival.

- Secure storage: Devices will be clearly labelled and stored in a secure cabinet managed by school administration.
- Prohibited devices: Smartwatches and any other wearable or portable internet-enabled devices are not permitted at any time within the school or boarding houses.

3. Supervised Weekend Access

- 3.1 Boarding pupils are permitted limited access to their mobile phones in order to maintain contact with family and friends, subject to the following conditions:
- Duration: Up to 90 minutes of access across the weekend.
 - Location and supervision: Devices may only be used in a designated area under direct supervision of boarding or weekend staff.
 - Connectivity: Pupils must connect via the School's approved BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) network.
 - Compliance: All use must be in accordance with the School's Acceptable Use Policy and is subject to the School's filtering and monitoring systems.

4. Temporary Release of Devices

- 4.1 Mobile phones will only be released from secure storage in the following circumstances:
- School holidays and weekend leave: Devices are returned when pupils leave the school site for authorised weekend leave or official school holiday periods.
 - Approved activities: With staff authorisation, for specific off-site activities such as:
 - sports fixtures or tournaments
 - educational visits or excursions
- 4.2 All devices must be returned to the Front Office immediately upon return to school.

5. Breaches of Policy

- 5.1 Failure to hand in a mobile phone, or possession of a prohibited device (including smartwatches or other internet-enabled technology), will be treated as a breach of school and boarding house rules and may result in disciplinary action.