

Lincoln Christ's Hospital School

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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Mobile Phones – Policy Change – 5th September 2017

Thank you once again for your continued support of the school. I write to ask again for your assistance in discussing, with your child, a change in policy about the use of mobile phones in school which comes into effect from 5th September 2017.

As you are aware, the current policy allows students to use their mobile phone during break and lunch only; however, after consultation with the school governors as well as looking to improve the safeguarding, communication and learning environment in the school, mobile phones will not be allowed to be used during the school day from September. This decision has not been taken lightly. We do appreciate the role technology and social media play in the lives of modern teenagers, but we cannot ignore the compelling research which demonstrates the detrimental impact constant use and access can have on both mental health and learning capacity. We also cannot ignore the additional safeguarding complications which allowing phone use at break times has created in school.

We do understand that you may wish to give your child a mobile phone for use whilst commuting to and from school. Therefore, we accept that some students will have mobile phones in their possession during the school day. However, these should be switched off and put away in bags when on school site. In line with the new policy, staff will be asked to confiscate any phones they see between 8.25am and 3pm. The new policy can be found on the school website: www.christs-hospital.lincs.sch.uk/parents/policies/elective. With a school bag being essential school equipment for each student, there should be no reason why any student would need to flout this rule and have their phone confiscated.

If you need to make contact with your son/daughter, then please ring the school reception 01522 881144, or student absence line 01522 887364. The school will then ensure a message is given to your son/daughter as quickly as possible. Likewise, should they need to contact you during the school day; they can speak to their Pastoral Manager or Progress Leader and make any necessary calls.

We have already discussed this change of policy with students in school, but would greatly appreciate your support in discussing it again at home to ensure your child is familiar with the changes to the school policy for September.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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