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### Mobile Phone Policy & Expectations

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a restful summer; we are looking forward to welcoming your child back to Cardinal Newman for a new academic year filled with optimism and success.

We want to ensure that there is clarity regarding mobile phone usage by students when at school. **Mobile phones are NOT seen or HEARD** whilst students are on the school site. This starts as students enter the school gates and throughout the school day.

Students who do not follow the rules will have their phone confiscated, you will be informed that your child has had this confiscation which will be logged, repeated confiscations will result in a greater sanction.

The escalation of sanctions is outlined below:

First time phone is seen or heard	Confiscated – placed in reception. Student can collect at the end of the school day.
Second time phone is seen or heard	Confiscated – placed in reception. Student can collect after 3 days or parent contacted to confirm daily drop off/collection.
Third time phone is seen or heard	Confiscated – placed in school safe. Parent can collect after 5 days.
Future confiscations	Confiscated – placed in school safe. Parent to meet with HOY to collect after 5 days.

The detrimental impact of instantaneous access to social media, messaging services and gaming far outweighs the minimal benefits to education that access to smart phones brings. A large proportion of all social issues within school are linked to inappropriate use of smart phones, social media and advanced technology.

If your child fails to hand over their mobile phone at the request of a member of staff, they will be isolated for gross defiance. This will be counted as an internal suspension and as such a parental meeting will need to be held prior to them returning to their lessons.

Help us to support your child, their education, social development and emotional wellbeing by discussing these expectations with them. The expectations are simple, easy to follow and will be enforced consistently by all members of staff.

At Cardinal Newman Catholic School **Mobile Phones are NOT seen or heard.**

Yours sincerely,

**Mr T Lowe**  
Deputy Headteacher

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Headteacher

