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Dear Parent Carer,

Re: The use of mobile telephones in the Academy

In line with ULT guidance, the Academy has carefully considered its position with regard to the use of mobile telephones by students during the school day.

Guidance is published in the Student Planner (page 6) which states: *“Mobile phones must be switched off and must not be audible or visible whilst on Sheffield Park Academy premises. Mobile phones, on view, will be confiscated by staff. Parents and carers may be asked to collect confiscated mobile phones from the Academy by appointment. Sheffield Park Academy cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage of mobile phones”*.

As you will appreciate, the Academy’s main focus must be on teaching, learning and students making progress. I therefore request the support of all parents with regard to the above in order that lessons and learning are not disrupted by the use of mobile phones.

Increasingly, students are making use of mobile technology to be in almost constant contact with each other and with their families. Whilst this technology can be extremely beneficial, we ask that parents discourage their children from contacting them during the school day. Should it be necessary to contact parents, Engagement Officers and Support for Learning Staff will ensure that this takes place.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C. Dillon
Vice Principal