

Ref: LTH/ABA  
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Dear Parent/Carer

The school is reviewing its policies and procedures regarding students' approach to learning. This involves discussions with the students and one of the points they have raised is the use of mobile phones, by some of their peers, during the school day. They tell us that this is having a negative effect on their learning.

As a result of this, from Monday 20 February 2017, there will be a new approach to students having their mobile phones in school. We are aware that parents/carers want their children to be able to contact them before and after school, so we do not intend to ban mobile phones, as other schools have done. Instead, all mobile phones will need to be switched off and put away, or handed in to the Main Office for safekeeping.

If you wish to contact your child urgently during the school day, including at break or lunchtime, please do so through the school Office.

Unauthorised or misuse of mobile phones at any time during the school day, including at break and lunchtime, will result in the confiscation of the phone by a member of staff, until the end of the next school day, and will only be returned when parents/carers come to school to collect the phone.

This procedure will be a consistent approach across the whole school, by every member of staff. If your child fails to hand over their phone to be confiscated, you will need to come into school to collect your child and they will be placed into Inclusion until you arrive.

We would very much appreciate you talking to your child regarding the new policy and ensure that they understand and comply with the new rule, which will begin on Monday 20 February, after half term.

I must reiterate that although mobile phones will not be banned from school, they must **not** be used **at any time** during school hours.

Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

If you have any queries about the new expectations, please email the school in the first instance, using the email address: [info@southchurchschool.com](mailto:info@southchurchschool.com)

Yours faithfully

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