



Dear parents/carers,

Student Mobile Phone Use at AGS

Thank you for the way so many of you responded to our recent survey. A total of 234 parents/carers completed and returned the survey. Every response to every question has been studied and your views, alongside the detailed feedback received from staff and students, have been evaluated thoroughly and considered carefully.

You may also be aware that the Secretary of State for Education has written to all Headteachers a few days ago, and this was followed by Ofsted releasing a statement about how inspectors will be looking at mobile phone use in schools in future inspections. The Secretary of State for Education's letter referenced "a clear national reset on mobile phone use in schools".

A new policy regarding mobile phones at AGS is being generated. The policy, and other connected policies which will also need to change, are currently in the final stages of checking and amending, before they are reviewed by governors.

The updated policy and procedures will be shared with you as soon as possible. Time will also be given to clearly explain expectations with our students. It is hoped that our new policy will be fully in place from the first day back after the forthcoming half term break.

The focus has been, and will continue to be, on safeguarding young people, mental wellbeing and quality of education. These factors are central to the steps that will be taken regarding the points outlined above.

I will write with a further update as soon as the policy is ready for adoption.

In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing support, as we work together to provide the best education we can for your children.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Kelly

Headteacher