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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those who responded to our survey regarding mobile and smart phones in schools. As you are aware there is now further government guidance around mobile and smart phones in school.

In advance I am writing to inform you that during the Autumn term we will be sending further information and guidance on this. There will be a change to the whole school policy and smartphones will be banned at Langdon Park for Years 7 – 11. We wanted to give you advance warning of this so you can consider alternatives. As stated, further information will be circulated in the new term.

For now, our policy remains that all phones or devices if seen or heard will be confiscated and returned the following day. The survey highlighted that the main reason for providing a phone to your child is for safety. So, we advise providing your child with a non-smart phone for coming to and from school. They will, of course have to be turned off for the day and students are allowed if needed to call or text at the school gates. There are also trackers that you can purchase for children if you wish so, please investigate this.

The survey did show that parents overwhelmingly support a national ban of social media for under 16s. We also strongly feel that smartphones present the possibility of videos and pictures being taken in school and circulated on social media. This is a safeguarding concern for both students and staff.

We appreciate this will be a significant change and hence why I am outlining plans to you now and will provide further information in the new term and when the smartphone ban will come into effect. This will likely be after the October half-term.

In the meantime, I wish you all a great summer and look forward to seeing your child return in September.

Wednesday 2 nd September	Year 7 induction day	8.35am – 12.00pm
Thursday 3 rd September	Year 7 and 12 normal day Years 11 and 13 induction	8.35am – 3.00pm 11.30am onwards
Friday 4 th September	All years normal day	8.35am-3.00pm

Yours sincerely,

Mr N Langham
Headteacher

