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Principal ~ Mr Andy Smith

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will undoubtedly be aware of the latest government rhetoric and guidance on the use of mobile phones in schools. On 19th January 2026, the government urged all schools to prohibit phones in schools at all times, and The House of Lords has just voted to ban mobile phones in schools completely. A legal ban is still however being debated in parliament.

However, and regardless of any impending legal ban, I am writing to announce that we have decided to change our procedures and processes for managing mobile phones on school site. With effect from straight after the Easter break (i.e. **from Monday 13th April 2026**) Djanogly City Academy will become a phone-free zone to ensure our scholars remain focused, social, and safe.

Whilst we understand that mobile phones provide a sense of security during the commute to and from school, their presence during the school day has increasingly become a barrier to genuine social interaction and we are seeing too many scholars bringing issues into school that originate from their use of social media outside of school. So, from the start of the summer term, from the moment scholars enter the school gates until the moment they leave school site at the end of the day, mobile phones must be switched off and always kept completely out of sight. This practice applies to all areas of the site, including classrooms, corridors, dining rooms and all outside areas such as playgrounds and grassed areas.

To ensure this practice is effective, we will be operating a zero-tolerance approach: Any phone seen or heard on the school site will be immediately confiscated by staff. **Confiscated phones will not be returned to the scholar.** Devices will only be released to a parent or legal guardian by prior appointment through the academy admin office. Phones will not be returned to a parent without a pre-arranged appointment.

We ask for your full support in discussing these changes with your child. If you need to reach your child urgently during the day, please contact the main reception, and we will ensure a message is delivered.

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping our scholars to reach their full potential without digital distraction.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Smith
Principal