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Dear parents / carers

Phone free school - consultation

Over the last two years, UK data has shown us that bullying and harassment of children, using mobile phones, has doubled. In addition, you will be aware of the significant and growing issues, across the country, around the sharing of internet pornography and the increase in Youth Offending Orders being issued to children for distributing these images.

We have also seen this national picture replicated at Tibshelf School, with an increase of cyberbullying and other problems stemming from the use of social media and online videos.

We already have a mobile phone policy which stipulates how and when students can use their phone in school, however, we acknowledge that mobile phones are immensely distracting in the classroom for both pupils and their teachers, and this is something in which we have also seen an increase.

With this in mind, we are seeking your views as to whether you would support Tibshelf Community School becoming a "Phone Free" school from September 2023.

We acknowledge that mobile phones are an integral part of society, and the majority of students own a mobile phone. We also understand that, for safety reasons, students may wish to carry a mobile phone whilst travelling to and from school and we want to continue to support this. We will ensure that all parents continue to be able to contact school reception throughout the day in an emergency.



If a student chooses to bring a Mobile Phone into school, then the phone must be placed in the student's bag before they enter the school site. Any student seen with a mobile phone on the school site, at any point throughout the school day, including social times, will have the phone confiscated and stored in the Focus Room until the end of that school day. If this occurs for a second time, the phone will be confiscated, and the parent/carer will be required to attend school to collect the phone. If a student persistently breaches this policy, it will be viewed as defiance and escalation up the behaviour ladder will commence.

Please use the link below to complete a short consultation survey. This will remain open until Tuesday 2nd May. We will share the outcome of the consultation in due course.

[Mobile Phone Consultation Survey](#)

Yours Sincerely

Lucie Wainwright
Headteacher