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Dear Parent/Carer

Mobile Phones

University Academy realises that mobile phones are very useful for students to have and many parents and carers feel that they improve their child's safety. The use of mobile phones in school however can cause a major disruption to learning, encourage some bullying and can hinder the progress of your child and other children in the Academy.

The academy's rule on mobile phones is that they are not allowed in lessons or in school. Should a child have a mobile phone in their bag or jacket and it is switched off then we would not see this as infringing upon learning or your child's good conduct.

In the event of a mobile phone being seen or heard during the Academy day then a member of staff will confiscate the mobile phone. The phone will then be returned to the student at the end of that Academy day by a member of the Leadership team. Should a phone be confiscated from a student twice in one term then, on the third occasion, the phone will be returned only to the parent or carer of that child at a time arranged by the Head of Achievement or a member of the Leadership Team.

Should contact need to be made to the Academy in an emergency then the office can be contacted on the Academy number indicated and a message passed to your son or daughter. Similarly, if your child requires to contact home due to an emergency then they should speak to their Head of Achievement or Assistant Head of Achievement, who can make the appropriate arrangements.

Please note, devices such as iPods, music players and gaming devices are not permitted and University Academy will not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage of these devices. These will also be confiscated in line with mobile phones.

The Academy appreciates your support in this matter and would ask you to discuss this issue with your child.

Yours sincerely

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Interim Principal