



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Mobile phones and ear pods

Firstly, I would like to thank parents/carers for your support in ensuring your child is fully equipped and wearing the correct uniform to school on a daily basis. We firmly believe high standards in all areas of school life are important in preparation for life beyond school.

We have recently noticed an increase in the number of students wearing ear pods during the school day which are clearly being used in conjunction with mobile phones. Whilst we understand many parents/carers wish for their child to carry a mobile phone for contact purposes, these should not be used or seen during the school day.

From Monday 14th March, we will be operating a 'see it, lose it' policy with mobile phones and ear pods for students in Years 7-11. This means that any student who is seen using their mobile phone and/or ear pods during the school day will have their items confiscated and kept safely until a parent is able to collect them. This is not a change to the policy already in place, however we will be consistently enforcing this rule from this date.

We have recently introduced large digital display clocks around the school site and so there will be no need for students to use phones as a means of telling the time. Similarly, if there is an urgent message for your child, please contact reception who will ensure this is passed on.

Phones and social media are not required as part of daily school life and we encourage students to have time away from these for their own emotional wellbeing. Many of the friendship issues brought into the school community originate from social media and we are promoting the school as a 'social media free' area.

Your on-going support to ensuring the school remains a mobile phone free area is fully appreciated.

Miss J Scattergood
Deputy Headteacher

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