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AIM

The Pangbourne community has responded well to the existing Mobile Phone Guidelines. With increasing concerns about the impacts of excessive screen time and reduced social interaction, as well as the impacts on the learning environment, the Community is committed to trialling an evolution of the Guidelines.

The aim of this revised protocol is to afford all members of the College Community respite from their phones.

ZONES

After considerable consultation involving pupils, parents and staff, the following protocol will be trialled:

- "Green zones" will be established within Divisions, with mobile usage accepted, this includes morning break and lunchtime.
- "Red zones" cover all other buildings on College grounds, plus Parade Ground. Phones can be carried, but must be off or on flight mode. They must remain out of sight, and can only be used by an invitation from the class teacher.
- "Blue zone" is reserved for the library in recognition of the way this study space is used. Only Form 5 and Sixth Form can use mobiles within the library with discretion.

For any activity offsite, phones can be carried.

Adult members of the community are equally committed to the spirit of this protocol. It is recognised that for safety and security reasons, staff will have their phones with them, exercising discretion with their usage.

Pupils' phones will be securely stored in Divisions when not in their possession.

In case of an emergency, parents should contact the Division staff or Reception.

A period of confiscation will result from breaches of this protocol. Phones will be retained at Reception ready for collection at 17:50. Frequent confiscation will lead to longer periods of confiscation.

DUNBAR

Dunbar will become a "Red zone":

- Pupils will not have access to their phones during the working day (8.15-5.45pm).
- Day pupils may bring a phone to school if necessary for travel purposes.
 - Phones should be handed in on arrival in the morning, and should then be collected at the end of the day.

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- Boarders will have their phones stored securely in the office during daytime, and will have access to them in the evening.
 - In case of an emergency, parents should contact the Dunbar House staff.
 - Any pupil needing to contact parents or guardians will either be allowed access to their phone, or may use the Dunbar Duty mobile.