



IXWORTH FREE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you know, we take an assertive zero-tolerance approach to the use of mobile 'phones and devices. There is a lot of evidence to indicate that young people benefit from having a break from 'screen time' during the school day. Parents and carers often comment that they recognise that our aim is to safeguard young people from unwanted photographs, videoing without permission and unkind or inappropriate comments made on social media.

As part of this week's safer internet programme, we have reminded our students of the reasons for our policy and have also advised them that if their mobile 'phone is seen, heard or its' use suspected while on school site, they are liable to have it confiscated.

This term, we have confiscated several mobiles during lunchtime and unfortunately this is also the time we receive complaints about inappropriate use of mobile 'phones from students. If a mobile 'phone is removed by a member of staff, our policy is to hold it securely in school until the end of the school day. If it is confiscated a second time, a parent or carer will be asked to collect the device.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that students don't use mobile 'phones while on school site at all. You can help us by waiting until they are on their way home before calling or texting your child and reminding them of the reasons for our strong line on devices.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Barrow
Headteacher

