

Our Ref: RSM/GOX/MobilePhones

10 June 2025

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Dear Parent / Carer

As mentioned in the recent newsletter we are moving to a 'Not Seen, Not Heard' mobile phone policy. **This will start on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

- No student will be allowed to use a mobile phone in school **at any time** (this includes social times)
- Any student found with a mobile phone in school will have it confiscated. The phone will be put in a locked cabinet and the student will be given a detention. Students can collect mobile phones from Reception staff at the end of their detention. Refusal to hand over a mobile phone will lead to parents being contacted to collect the phone and a further consequence will be issued
- No headphones should be used or seen in school at any time (this includes social times). Any students that are seen with headphones will have them confiscated
- Students may have phones in their bags switched off for the whole day. Students may not have their phones in pockets
- Any mobile phones or headphones are brought at your own risk and the school is not responsible for any loss or damage

We know from the last response from parents that you were supportive when we tightened up the rules previously. We know from speaking to students that they feel it's hard to ignore their mobile phones in lessons and at social times even if phones are on silent. There is now a lot of research to show that children benefit from having real life conversations and their attention spans begin to improve when the distraction of a mobile phone is taken away. The mental health of children improves with less screen time and reduces risk of online bullying.

We are talking to students in assemblies this week so they can prepare for launch day **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

If you would like to talk to Mrs Smith about this change please drop in on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at either 9:30am or 3:30pm. Please contact my PA [goxley@firvale.com](mailto:goxley@firvale.com) to confirm your attendance or arrange to meet me at another time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Smith'.

Rachel Smith  
Headteacher