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Dear Parents and Carers,

Important Update: Mobile Device Policy and School Day Structure After October Break

Prior to the end of term, and as we prepare to welcome pupils back on Monday 27 October, I am writing to outline important updates to our mobile device policy and to clarify the structure of the school day moving forward.

In Term 4 of last session, Perth Grammar School issued a parental and staff questionnaire to gather views on mobile phone use within the school. We were encouraged by the strong response, with 169 families and 54 staff participating, offering a wide range of perspectives.

Key findings included:

- 59% parents supported mobile phone use only under specific learning-related conditions.
- 34% parents preferred a complete ban during the school day.
- 88% parents supported a phone-free classroom policy.
- The most cited benefits were safety (47%) and access to learning tools (31%).
- The most cited concerns were distraction (52%), cyberbullying, and negative impacts on wellbeing (28%).

This feedback has been instrumental in shaping our revised policy, which aims to balance the benefits of mobile technology with the need to maintain a respectful, focused, and inclusive learning environment.

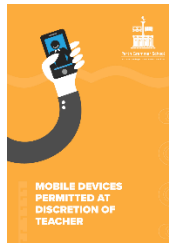
Our approach is also informed by national and local guidance, including:

- The Scottish Government's Mobile Phone Guidance for Schools (2024), which empowers headteachers to take decisive action—including full bans—where appropriate. The guidance highlights the impact of mobile phone use on concentration, wellbeing, and classroom behaviour, referencing PISA 2022 data showing that nearly a third of 15-year-olds are distracted by digital devices in maths lessons. [\[Mobile pho...- gov.scot\]](#)
- The Perth & Kinross Council Mobile Device Policy for Schools (2025–2028), which supports school leaders in implementing safe, responsible, and inclusive approaches to mobile technology. It encourages schools to foster calm learning environments while protecting pupils and staff from the consequences of inappropriate use.

Together, these sources provide a robust framework for our policy, which reflects our school values of Pride, Respect, and Ambition. We are confident that this approach will support positive learning experiences for all pupils.

Key Points of Our Mobile Device Policy:

- **Mobile devices must be stored in classroom device boxes** during lessons. Responsible use is permitted during breaks and lunchtimes. Phones may only be used in class when directed by a teacher when using the Mobile Phone infographics.
- With regards to all other learning areas, for example but not limited to, Inreach, Outreach, individual learning programmes, Outdoor Education programmes, etc., **mobile devices must be stored in phone boxes** during these times.
- Mobile devices are **not permitted between lessons** and should be stored securely within their school bag or out of sight.
- **Infographic (RAG) System:** All classrooms will display a Red-Amber-Green indicator to show when mobile use is permitted (Green), restricted (Amber), or not allowed (Red), see below.



- **Consequences:** Any misuse of mobile devices will result in staged sanctions, including confiscation and parental contact.

Structure of the School Day:

- Pupils should arrive in full uniform, ready to start learning promptly at 8:50am.
- During House Time, pupils will be reminded to place their lunch order (via the VeriCool app) during this time and the expectations of mobile devices reiterated where necessary.
- Moving between lessons pupils will be expected to store mobile devices securely in their bags. Their **mobile device should not be seen or heard**.
- Lessons will follow the normal timetable, with clear expectations for mobile device use in every class.
- During lesson time and moving between lessons, all communication with home should be through the school office as detailed in the Communication Policy.
- Devices can be used during interval and lunch; however, this will be supervised, and the mobile device policy will be consistently enforced throughout the school.

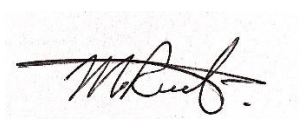
We believe these measures will help us maintain a positive, focused, and respectful learning environment, in line with our school values of Pride, Respect, and Ambition.

For further details, including FAQs and the full policy, please visit our school website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via

PerthGrammar@pkc.gov.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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