



26<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

### **MOBILE PHONES – SOCIAL MEDIA**

I am writing to highlight to all parents/carers the potential implications of your child using social media. During a recent police investigation, the school were asked to seize a number of student mobile telephones. Please see a copy of a letter sent out by the Police following this action for your information.

*"During the course of this investigation, several pupils were identified as having a video of this offence on their mobile phones. Their phones were seized by the police as they hold potential evidence in this case.*

*Your son or daughter was identified as having this video on their mobile phone. The phone was seized at school as part of this evidence in this case. Their phones have been subject to a full evidential download by the police.*

*We now require your son or daughter to attend a formal police interview in relation to this matter. They will not be under arrest. They are to be interviewed at a police station under caution. One parent or Guardian is entitled to attend as their appropriate adult. You are entitled to have a solicitor present. The solicitor can be arranged at no cost to yourselves through the police. They are independent of the police and will be there only to ensure you are legally and fairly represented.*

*Your son or daughter will not be held at the police station other than to conduct this interview. They will be free to leave at any time."*

Please note that it is a criminal offence to possess or pass on inappropriate images or offensive messages. I urge all parents/carers to speak to your child about the appropriate use of mobile phones and social media as students found in possession will also be sanctioned by the school and this may include exclusion.

Yours sincerely

Ms P Whyte  
**Associate Headteacher**

