

10th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Last year Forge Valley School consulted with parents regarding the use of mobile phones in school. The school received responses from a large number of parents, many of which stated that they agreed that mobile phones should not be used in school. However, it was also clear that, for many parents, pupils need mobile phones on the way to school and on their way home for safety reasons. The outcome of this consultation resulted in a modified approach to mobile phones, which is written into our Behaviour Policy. Our policy states the following –

“Mobiles must not be used at all whilst in school from the point of arrival at 8.40am to the point of departure at 3pm. The school is not responsible for damage to or loss of mobile phones. Pupils are not allowed to use their mobile phones when outside the building at break or lunch time. If pupils use their mobile phone whilst in the school building, including at break or lunch time, it will be confiscated by a member of staff and stored securely in the office. For persistent offenders, parents or carers will be asked to collect the phone.”

Over recent weeks I have noticed an increase in the number of time pupils are answering calls from their parents or responding to texts set by parents during the school day. This creates unnecessary difficulty for staff when they challenge a pupil for using their phone in school. Many pupils seem to think that since the call is from parents that they are allowed to use their mobile.

I urge all parents who wish to contact their child to phone school, who will pass any communication on to their child.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Barrowclough
Headteacher