

2nd July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that, following national debate, we have recently consulted with students regarding our mobile phone policy. Despite the decisions of several Ormiston Academies to implement a ban of mobile phones, we appreciate the varied reasons for students having mobiles at school and therefore do not wish, at this stage, to ban them completely. As a result we will be implementing some minor changes to ensure our policy is clear and transparent for all and arrive at a position where mobile phones do not impact negatively on learning and well-being in the Academy.

Therefore, from Monday the 9th July, if a student's phone is seen out at any time other than before 8:30am; food breaks; or after being dismissed at the end of the day students will be expected to hand in their phones. They will then be booked into an after school detention for that day (4:00pm finish / 4:30pm Mondays) and the phone returned at the end of the detention. Should the student refuse at any time to hand over their phone, they will be relocated to the Think Tank until they can comply with the request. Once they have handed their phone in they will return to lessons and sit an after school detention that same day. Should they fail to take this second chance to hand in their phone once in the Think Tank, further sanctions will be issued such as loss of break times or additional time in the Think Tank the next day for continued non-compliance. This system has been drawn up from the recommendations of students themselves when asked what they consider to be a sensible approach to phone use and fair sanctions for not following the rules.

Each time a phone is confiscated, it will be recorded. If a student were to have their phone confiscated for a third time, it will only be returned to parents/carers and the student will complete 2 days in the Think Tank. We appreciate everyone can make a mistake, but to make the same mistake 3 times would be seen as a simple case of someone not wanting to meet our expectations.

As with all our policies we appreciate and thank you in advance for your full support in the implementation of these changes. Should you have any question please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email cwhiley@ormistonpark.org.uk

Yours sincerely



Acting Vice Principal