

Ref: sna/bha

8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **RE: Importance of Mobile Phone Policy**

Creating an environment that promotes learning, safety, and growth for all pupils is a fundamental duty of every school. In line with this commitment, we are writing to highlight the importance of our mobile phone policy and its impact on your child's education and wellbeing.

In today's digital age, mobile phones have become part of everyday life, with statistics showing that by the age of 12, 97% of pupils own a mobile phone. While these devices offer various benefits, they also pose significant challenges to the learning environment. Mobile phones can introduce unnecessary distractions, disruptions, and diversions, hindering your child's ability to focus and engage fully in their education.

At our school, we believe that by removing mobile phones from the learning environment, we can create a more conducive atmosphere where children and young people can thrive. By spending less time on their devices, students have the opportunity to engage in physical activities and socialise face-to-face with their peers and contribute positively to their overall wellbeing.

Government guidance on mobile phones in schools clearly state the importance of prohibiting the use of mobile phones throughout the school day. Our school rules state that mobile phones must be turned off and stored in the pupil's bag throughout the school day. It is important to emphasise that any mobile phones found in a pupil's blazer will be confiscated and returned to parents only. Furthermore, pupils are prohibited from contacting parents during school hours via their mobile phones, and any attempts to do so will result in confiscation. Should pupils need to contact parent/carers they can do so through their Head of Year.

Visual reminders about the school's mobile phone policy are displayed across the school. Our core aim is to help children and young people develop healthy habits that will support their academic success and personal growth both inside and outside of school.

Your cooperation and support in reinforcing this policy with your child are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your partnership in creating a safe, focused, and enriching learning environment for all our pupils. Yours sincerely

Miss S Nawaz Deputy Headteacher

## HEADTEACHER: MRS S ADU

0121 464 3094 Bromford Road, Hodge Hill, Birmingham, B36 8EY Enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk