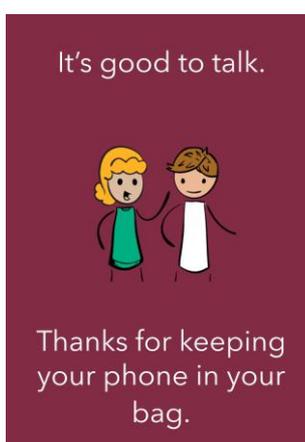




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Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to inform you that we would like to make the Academy a 'mobile free zone' during the Academy day. At present students may use mobiles at break and lunchtime but we are going to ask students not to do this and focus on enjoying conversation, and relaxing at these social times. Below are posters we will display around the Academy in September which capture the reasons why we are doing this.



Thank you to those parents who replied to my request for mobile phone feedback in the October 2018 Headteacher Headlines.

Our rule at present for a phone or headphones is that they are not seen or heard in the Academy during lessons. If they are seen or heard they are taken for the rest of the day. If students argue with this decision the phone or headphones are taken for the rest of the week. We currently allow parents to come and collect the phone or headphones at any point in that week.

We intend to keep this rule, but we will extend this into before school, break and lunch. Mobile phones or headphones must not be seen or heard. We appreciate that you may wish students to have a phone for the journey to and from the Academy and as long as it is switched off during the Academy day we are comfortable with this. If you have any urgent messages for students could you please not text or call them but leave urgent messages via our reception.

Finally, can I remind you we do not take any responsibility for mobile phones in the Academy.

I hope you can see what we are trying to achieve by having a 'mobile free zone' in the Academy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Quirk".

Phill Quirk
Headteacher