



Walderslade Girls' School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to you to give you brief update on some of the work we have been carrying out this week at WGS regarding school rules, anti-bullying and codes of conduct.

Shortly, a further updated behaviour policy will be emailed to all parents, for those of you who have children at our sister secondary; Greenacre Academy, you will notice that our rules and system have taken a turn to fall in line. We firmly believe that as one trust, we are aiming for one direction, and as such rely on one set of rules that all students, staff and other stakeholders work within.

With this in mind, you will receive a set of WGS rules emailed to you, these will be shared with your daughter/ward during form time, assemblies will be carried out on what they mean and they will be placed in every classroom and corridor as a reminder that we all work within the parameters of these rules.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight one of the rules that has become a particular focus in recent weeks, mobile phones. Mobile phones are a necessity for many these days due to the amount of travel, the importance of keeping in contact for safety and of course to keep in touch with those not immediately accessible. However, at school mobile phones, as in all work places have a place. During the working day, many are not able to access their mobile phone, and indeed be able to use it when the feeling arises. This rule is also in place at school.

Mobile phones remain a privilege, not an entitlement to be brought in. Students are requested to not have their phones out in any part of the school where there is a ceiling/a covering and not during lesson time unless there is express permission given. Should students want to use their phone at break or lunch outside the building then they may, as a privilege.

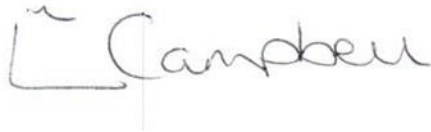
As a school, we reserve the right to confiscate mobile phones should these rules be broken, of course, everybody makes mistakes and should a student make an innocent mistake they may be asked to put it away and no further action is taken. In the event that a student argues, or does not follow this rule, the school retain the right to confiscate the phone and parents may be asked to collect it. In extreme circumstances the school may ask for the phone to be kept at home, or deposited into the office at the start of the day.



I do hope you will support us in explaining this to your daughter/ward, as you can appreciate asking 700 pupils to put their phones away during the day is no mean feat and so we appreciate the support starting at home.

This week has been a good week at WGS and plenty of learning has taken place, the anti bullying assemblies led by Mrs Neave were well received across the school and as a result students have participated in a study to help pinpoint hotspots and concerns, the red button has been launched, this can be found on our website, concerns raised can be completely anonymous and students have started discussing with teachers how we can tackle bullying together, as a school repeated behaviours that cause upset and harm must be driven out through a combination of education and sanction.

Thank you for your continued support of the school



Mrs L Campbell

Deputy Headteacher

Greenacre Academy, supporting WGS

