



5th September 2016

Dear Parents

As many of you will be aware, the school rules currently state that students in the Fourth and Fifth Year are allowed to carry their mobile phones with them whilst at school, unlike Lower School students who are required to lock them in their lockers.

Naturally, we wish to treat Fourth and Fifth Year students with the maturity that befits their position within the school community, but we have reviewed this policy over the summer in light of nationwide guidance about the use of mobile phones by teenagers, as well as issues emerging nationally relating to incidents of cyber bullying occurring while in school involving the use of mobile phones. As such, we have decided that in order to best ensure a positive environment for all pupils in the Fourth and Fifth Years that boys will no longer be allowed to have their phones on their person during the school day and will be asked to lock them in their lockers until 3.45 pm.

Please rest assured that this change is not in response to any incidents that have occurred at Trinity and is simply a reflection of nationwide guidance being issued to schools and our ongoing review of school policies. While the current diary does not reflect this change in the school rules, it will be updated as of January and these changes take effect from the beginning of this term. If you do need to make emergency contact with your son during the school day, please do contact the school office directly and they will pass a message to him.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do contact your son's Head of Year.

Many thanks

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