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Dear Parent / Carer

As shared with all pupils last week via an online assembly, we are making an amendment to use of phones across Mintlaw Academy. You will be aware that increasingly schools are considering bans on mobile phones in schools as evidence on the challenges overuse of phones by young people becomes more widespread. Indeed the Scottish Government has clarified they will support any school who imposes a ban. This is not something we are looking to do at Mintlaw however we are, going forwards, going to stress that mobile phone use in school is a privilege rather than a right and linked to meeting school expectations inclusive of our agreed school dress code. In essence where a young person is not meeting expectations they will be asked to leave their phone at the school office / at home short term.

I would like to share that we are delighted with how pupils have embarked on their new timetables this year. There is a real positivity about the place which is great to see and bodes well for a successful 2024/2025 session.



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