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Dear Parent/Carer

### Re: Mobile Phones

As a school we are always exploring new and innovative ways of engaging our students in the classroom. We also instil in students on a day to day basis the importance of the choices and decisions they make drawing links to what is expected of them in the wider society beyond PCSA.

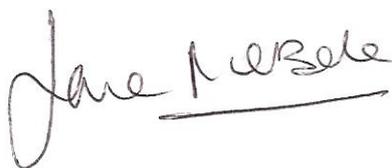
In light of an ever growing society where technology is easily accessible, we, at PCSA have come to recognise the constant distraction mobile phones can cause within lessons, which can hinder the academic achievements of our students. This is not necessarily through the fault of the individual but generally their lesson and thoughts are interrupted by a phone vibrating in their pocket or in theirs or another student's bag. I am sure as an adult you can appreciate the temptation to check such a notification when it isn't always the appropriate time to do so.

In order to support our students in their efforts to remain focussed and to succeed in their lessons that as a school we have decided that as of Monday 30th January 2017, all students will be expected to deposit their mobile phone into a 'Phone Box' which will be displayed at the front at each and every classroom. This is to then be collected at the end of the lesson during the student's dismissal, which will be supervised by teaching staff. Students will be allowed their phones during morning break and lunch time only.

If we find any individual students who do not wish to follow this policy, we will be asking that Parents/Carers collect their mobile phone from school to avoid this impacting on their own or the learning of those around them.

We appreciate your support in this initiative to further enhance the outcomes of our students.

Kind regards



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Head of School