



# Thriftwood

School and College

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following on from the new national guidance from the Department of Education prohibiting the use of mobile phones throughout the school / college day, we will be putting this guidance into effect from September 2024.

School based learners will need to hand their phones and devices such as apple watches and i-pads to the class teacher upon arrival on site each morning. The phones and devices will be returned to the learner at the end of the day.

For College based learners, we are adopting a 'Never used, seen or heard' policy whereby the learners keep possession of their mobile phone and/or device only on the strict condition that they are never used, seen or heard. Any breach of this policy will result in confiscation of the device.

The only exception to this rule is for Key Stage 5 learners (years 12/13) when they are out on community learning. During these visits their mobile phones may be used to communicate with the group and their tutor.

Please talk this guidance through with your child and encourage them to follow these rules.

With thanks and kind regards

Yours faithfully

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