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29th June, 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Mobile Phones

I hope this letter finds you well.

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a calm, safe and purposeful learning environment, I am writing to inform you of a small change to our mobile phone procedures which will come into effect from September 2026.

Over the past year, there has been significant national discussion regarding the use of mobile phones and social media by young people. The Department for Education has continued to strengthen its guidance around mobile phones in schools, whilst wider legal and regulatory changes regarding social media use by children are expected over the next 12 months. As an Academy, we believe it is important that our procedures continue to reflect both national guidance and the needs of our students.

At Central, our expectation remains unchanged: mobile phones should not be seen or heard during the school day. Our approach continues to be simple and consistent: "See it, hear it, take it." This expectation has contributed positively to reducing distractions, improving behaviour and ensuring students remain focused on learning throughout the day.

From September, our graduated approach to managing mobile phone incidents will remain as outlined within our Behaviour Policy. However, there will be one important change. Any mobile phone that is confiscated by staff will need to be collected by a parent or carer from Main Reception.

This change has been introduced to strengthen our partnership with families and to reinforce the importance of responsible mobile phone use both in and out of school. We believe that involving parents directly will help students make better decisions and further support the positive culture we continue to develop across the Academy.

We appreciate that mobile phones can play an important role before and after school, particularly in relation to travel arrangements and communication with families. Therefore, students may continue to bring phones onto site provided they remain switched off and out of sight throughout the school day.

As always, we will continue to monitor the impact of this approach and review our procedures annually in light of any future changes to Department for Education guidance, legislation and best

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practice. Should national expectations change over the coming year, we will ensure that parents and carers are fully informed of any amendments to our policy.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain the high standards and positive learning environment that all students deserve. By working together, we can ensure that every young person is able to focus on what matters most: learning, personal development and achieving their full potential.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in purple ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Mr Markham
Principal