



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

'Tik Tok' and the use of Mobile Phones

I am sure that you are aware of the problems schools across the country are facing regarding a new trend on 'TikTok', which has been in the national news this week. As part of a so-called 'challenge', young people are setting up mock school accounts or fan accounts for their school and posting videos mocking or defaming staff. The videos often contain images of staff members which have been acquired from the internet and social media profiles. Both 'TikTok' and the Department for Education are aware of this trend. 'TikTok' have been asked for their assurance that they will take immediate steps to prevent posts of this nature appearing on their platform and that it will respond to any complaints by removing material immediately.

We continue to keep our mobile phone policy under review and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following:

- Mobile phones may only be brought into school so that students can contact parents/carers on their way to and from school. They must be switched off before students come in through the school gates and kept switched off throughout the school day. Mobile phones must not be switched on again until the student has left the school premises. The only exception to this would be if a teacher gives a student permission to use their device for curriculum use only.
- Parents/carers that need to get a message to their son during the school day, should telephone the school in the usual way and not try to contact them directly.
- Students who bring a mobile phone to school should make every effort to reduce the risk of theft. Students who carry mobile phones, are advised to keep them well concealed particularly if using public transport. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones. Any mobile phone that is brought to school will be at the owner's risk.
- From Monday 22nd November, if a student uses their mobile phone in school without the permission of a staff member, it will automatically be confiscated for the rest of day. The student will be able to collect his mobile phone that day between 3:45pm and 4.15pm from the window at main Reception. Under no circumstances, should students enter Reception with regards to collection of a mobile phone. A letter will be sent home confirming the confiscation and to inform parents/carers that if it were to happen again in the same academic year, the confiscation will be extended to a period of one week (5 full school days).
- If a student is seen to be using a mobile phone to film other students or staff members, then the mobile phone will automatically be confiscated for one week and a severe consequence will be issued.

It is hoped that you understand the position the school has to take regarding mobile phones and you are encouraged to remind your son of our rules. Director's of Learning will also be reminding their year groups during team meetings so there will be no excuse for any students to make the wrong decisions around mobile phone use.

Remembrance

Thank you to the students who were able to take part in our Remembrance Service yesterday. Some of the photos from the service will be available on the school's Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram accounts.

Free Courses

The link below will give you FREE access to a range of courses which aim to support parents/carers with supporting their children's development. There are a range of courses which focus on areas such as your child's mental health, brain development, emotional changes and many others. To access these courses, simply apply the code 'Tree' and these will open free of charge.

<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/courses/2>

Year 7 Transition Survey

Parents/carers of Yr 7 students are reminded to complete the survey on their transition to The John Fisher School.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 15 th November:	Yr 11 PPE Core Examinations begin
Thursday 18 th November:	Yr 10 Parent Teacher Meeting
Tuesday 23 rd November:	Staff INSET Day
Monday 6 th December:	Sixth Form PPEs begin

*'O God of truth and justice,
We hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.'*
Amen.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher