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Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Reminder & update – Changes to the Academy’s policy on mobile phones

If you need any clarification on the information below, or if a translation would be helpful, please use the following link: <https://translate.google.com/>. Please note that this tool is provided for convenience, and the Academy cannot take responsibility for the accuracy of its translations.

I just wanted to give you a final reminder regarding the updated mobile phone policy after May half term. As you’ll now be well aware, when we return from the break on **Monday 1st June 2026**, all students who bring a mobile or digital device to school will be required to secure it in a locked, signal-blocking ‘Hush’ pouch at the start of the day and unlock it when leaving school site.

You may also be aware that multiple schools across the city are now taking a similar approach. We chose not to publicise this change to our policy when we first mentioned it to you back in March, as the intention has always been to support wellbeing and learning, rather than draw attention to or invite judgement on how children use mobile devices. We will now be sharing these changes with the wider community.

We believe this is an initiative that will really support your children and their learning at MKA. Today we have briefed students on the process and procedures from 1st June. This included a video and summary policy/procedures that I have attached to this letter for your reference. I politely request that the video is not shared on social media as it is intended for our school community only and not for wider distribution.

I want to be very clear that this is not an opt-out process. Our approach to students who do not follow these rules will be firm, fair, and in line with the communication we have been sharing over an extended period. I would like to thank the vast majority of parents and students who have been supportive throughout this process. I would also like to thank those who have asked questions as they have all been constructive and helped us to refine our plans before rolling them out.

Lastly, please be aware that due to the new process, all late arrivals to school will follow a stricter procedure. Students must comply with the phone pouch system before entry with no exceptions, and there may be further delays if students arrive late.

Wishing you all a good half term break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Farquhar', written in a cursive style.

Gordon Farquhar
Principal