

The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL



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Dear Parent/Carers

The mobile phone policy at TDMS permits Year 6 students to have their mobile phone in school so that they can have it for peace of mind on their journey to and from school. It must not be used in school, and therefore must be turned off at all times during the school day.

If your child needs to contact you or you need to contact your child, this must be done via the school office.

Most middle schools insist on mobile phones being handed in at the beginning of the day, so we do place a lot of trust in our younger students to not use their phone in school. Unfortunately, over the past couple of weeks, there have been some incidences of children abusing that trust and they have been using their phone in school.

If students are discovered to be using their phone in school, in the first instance, the phone will be confiscated. If it happens again then the phone will not be allowed to be brought into school.

There have also been some reports of children videoing other children on their way to and from school without their permission. This breaks privacy laws and when some of this content is then uploaded onto social media platforms, it can become a Police matter.

At the moment, only a small number of individuals are involved but we would ask for all parents to have a reminder conversation with their child about the safe use of their mobile phone and social media. Social media is a large source of conflict between young people and so does need to be taken seriously.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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