



2 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the close of the longest term of the year I would like to thank you for your continuous support. I know that it has been difficult for many families due to the restrictions and the Covid cases, please know that I appreciate your support and assistance.

Throughout this term we have worked to further develop our mobile phone procedures for use around the school site. Mayflower High School, alongside national organisations, such as the NSPCC, Childline and the UK Safer Internet Centre, recognise that mobile phones provide everyone with many positive opportunities to take advantage of our increasingly interconnected world. Our approach to mobile technology is built on three main principles:

1. With digital technologies having become a ubiquitous part of everyday life, students need to be taught how to be responsible users of all such technologies.
2. With a view to promote the safeguarding of all members of our school community, students need to be aware of how to stay safe on their mobile phone.
3. To achieve this, clear rules and guidance are set out, explained and implemented.

I have attached our mobile phone protocol. Please be assured that we will continue to monitor this situation and to review our protocols in line with government guidelines and the needs of the school.

I would also like to thank the parents who took part in our recent survey. Approximately 10% of parents completed this survey. Positive points included: finding the school friendly and welcoming and treating children with care. The parents commented that they would like better communication and information about individual subject areas. At the same time, we asked students to complete a survey as well and approximately 63% of students completed it. It was lovely to see that 87% of students feel happy and safe at school. Areas we need to improve are looking at keeping ourselves healthy with eating and lifestyle and ensuring students are ready for the next step after Mayflower. There were many positive points that came out of the two surveys and some areas of improvement which we will be acting on. As a follow on from the survey we would like to invite you to attend the parent/carer forum, to be held virtually on Tuesday 14 December. more information regarding this will follow.

This year it has been decided that we will offer a Christmas themed roast lunch as one of our school meals on Thursday 9 December, rather than a full Christmas lunch. Due to the increasing mitigating measures that are being taken with regards to Covid currently we feel this is the best option to ensure that students are able to enjoy Christmas festivities without having to pay in advance. I hope you are able to support us with this event.

Yours sincerely

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