



HASSENBROOK SCHOOL

SPECIALIST TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

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Our Ref: HT/YT

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: MOBILE TELEPHONES / NETWORK SITES

I am writing to you at this time since we have had problems in school arising from both the use of mobile telephones and of social networking sites. Let me deal with the networking sites first.

Arguments have broken out with pupils in school where derogatory or simply insulting comments have been written on sites such as Facebook and Twitter regarding other pupils in school.

I would ask you to work with us in reminding the young people that any such action could constitute bullying. Such behaviour could well lead to punishments within school if it causes problems here and more seriously, it is also a criminal offence and could easily lead to police action. Some of the material I have been made aware of recently is downright offensive.

Even where the writer thinks they are making a joke, the person being written about may not see it that way and it is that view that carries weight in law.

I would therefore ask you to work with us in trying to monitor what is written on these sites so that distress may be avoided all round.

Further, there has been an outbreak of problems related to the use of mobile telephones. Some of this has been to create material for use on Facebook and Twitter as I described above. Were this to happen, the mobile telephone would be liable to confiscation by the police as evidence, even should the material have later on been deleted.

Inside school, mobile telephones have recently been used in lesson time to send texts or to receive messages. **THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

Mobile telephones are not allowed to be seen within school and certainly should not ever appear at any point during the working day. If they do appear, they will be confiscated in accordance with the school's rules and will not be able to be returned to you until the following day.

To avoid any issues arising, I would be grateful if you could make it clear to your son/daughter that they should not be using their mobile telephone in school.

As technology develops increasing issues will occur and I trust that we can all work together to ensure that we deal with them so that the school can run smoothly and that effective learning can take place.

Yours sincerely

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