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Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the wellbeing, safety and learning of all students, we would like to inform you about the latest UK Government recommendations regarding children's use of smartphones and digital devices.

The Government has recently strengthened its guidance for schools around mobile phone use, highlighting concerns linked to online safety, distraction from learning, social media pressures and the impact of excessive screen time on young people's wellbeing. Schools across the country are therefore reviewing their current approaches to smartphone use both during the school day and beyond.

At The Bourne Academy, we believe that working closely with families is essential when considering any future developments to our policy and practice. Parents' and carers' perspectives are incredibly important to us, and we are keen to understand your views, experiences and concerns.

We would therefore be very grateful if you could complete our short consultation survey, link below. Your feedback will help inform our discussions and ensure that any decisions we make reflect the needs and views of our wider school community.

[The Bourne Academy Parent/Carer Consultation - Smartphones – Fill out form](#)

The survey should take no more than a few minutes to complete – it is entirely anonymous. We kindly ask that surveys are completed by Monday 1st June.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership with the Academy. We greatly value your contribution and look forward to hearing your views.

Kind regards

The Bourne Academy

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