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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take the opportunity to signpost you to our school's [Behaviour for Learning policy](#). This was reviewed and updated last term in preparation for the new academic year and can be found on the school website. For your convenience, [here](#) is a link to this key document.

Please take some time to familiarise yourself with the content as it is important that you have read and understood the policy and its associated expectations.

The most significant update in the policy relates to the section around the use of mobile phones as a result of the Department for Education (DfE) releasing new guidance on the use of mobile phones and other electronic devices in school earlier this year, '[Mobile phones in schools – Guidance for schools on prohibiting the use of mobile phones throughout the school day](#)'. As you will be aware, mobile phone use is not permitted at Hitchin Girls' School for students in Years 7-11 as we absolutely recognise the importance of mobile phone-free time for our students. Details can be found in *section 9* of the policy and *Appendix I*.

We would also like to draw your attention to the ICT Acceptable Use Agreement (*Appendix J*) which students have been asked to confirm that they have read and understood along with the Home-School Agreement (*Appendix K*) and Post-16 Agreement (*Appendix L*) for members of our Sixth Form.

We ask that you fully support the school's Behaviour for Learning policy and work in partnership with us to teach the behaviours that are expected, encouraged and valued so that students can learn, teachers can teach and all within the school community can feel safe, happy and supported.

Your sincerely,

Mr James Crowther
Headteacher

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Behaviour Lead

