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Dear Families,

On a regular basis I review St Joseph's Education Day stance on mobile devices and items of high value brought to school and college by our students.

I am writing to you to let you know that we are still in the position that all mobile devices (phones, tablets, iPads, computers, iPods, high tech wrist watches such as an Apple Watch, cameras,) must be handed in to staff when the student arrives in the morning. This remains 'non-negotiable' and I ask that you support us in this matter. An inexpensive fitness tracker such as a Fitbit will be permitted as long as the item is exclusively designed only for tracking health measures such as steps, heart rate and oximetry. In these cases the device must be discussed with the Head Teacher in advance to ensure that it will not present as a behaviour trigger either for the wearer or one of the other students that the wearer regularly comes into contact with.

Staff store these items of high value each day securely away from any public areas of the school. Students are then able to collect items at the end of the day in time to take them back home and enjoy them during the journey home. Please talk to your child about this and remind them that their devices are safe.

Please note that students should not be bringing any high value items or toys to school or college. Breakages are highly likely in our setting and these items inevitably cause behaviour issues when other students may not understand.

Your child's class team will tell you when we would like your child to bring in other items to help with specific projects. We will insist on securing high value items in the same way as mobile devices, but ask that you explain to your child that such items must not be brought to school or college in the first place.

As always, I will happily meet with any student who wishes to talk this through with me. Many thanks for your help and support in these matters.

Best wishes
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