

Hayle Academy

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Dear Parent/ Carer

I have now been at Hayle Academy for almost a week and I am learning more and more. I have been really delighted by our young people who have been welcoming and presented themselves so well. I have seen that the school environment is excellent and well cared for by staff and students and I have seen many lessons that show staff and students working together productively.

However, I am writing to you now about an issue that concerns many parents, communities and schools: e-safety. Our school has a very clear mobile phone policy which states that mobile phones must be switched off and left in bags. We believe this allows students to access phones after school if they need to call home but also stops them being distracted during the day. It also stops students being able to take and share photos.

As many schools do, we recently had an incident involving students sharing inappropriate pictures electronically so we feel it is important to remind students about the implications of this. Over the next few weeks our Global Values sessions will remind students of the importance of e- safety and the law. We are inviting the police to come to the school to give an assembly on this issue. For now, we would really appreciate your support in reminding your child of the following key points:

- Sharing or having an inappropriate message on your devices is often illegal
- If you do not know what a message contains, do not open it. Check with an adult you know.
- You should never take a photo of someone without their permission

We very much value your support in this matter and if any parents have thoughts or concerns on this matter , please do contact the school

Yours faithfully



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