**Thursday 14th December 2023**

**Good afternoon.**

**Many of you have been in touch today enquiring about the Auchenharvie policy on mobile phones in school. This follows the Cabinet Secretary for Education's announcement yesterday that schools would be supported to ban mobile phones completely.**

**Our current school policy is that mobile phones should be off and away in classes and should not be brought out during lessons. Where this rule is not followed pupils are given a polite warning to put the phone away and if this rule is breached a second time then the phone is confiscated and kept securely until the end of that school day.**

**For the overwhelming majority of pupils this rule is followed extremely well.  I do not plan to make an wholesale changes to our school rules on mobile phone in what remains of this school session  but i am committed to speaking further to pupils, parents/carers and staff about our policy from August 2024.  Please look out for opportunities to be involved in this consultation.**

**Thanks Calum Johnston**