

## **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

**NAME:**

**DATE: Academic year 2019/2020**

As part of Priory Lodge School's commitment to social wellbeing and safety of the young people within our care we will be restricting the use of all social media devices during the school day. This is a part of the on-going movement within the country in which most schools either have, or are in the process of, regulating electronic communication devices within their student cohort .

We recognise that some students use their devices to self calm and self occupy and for this reason we do not want to ban these completely, however we need to put some expectations around this.

This code of conduct sets out the schools expectations that will commence from the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Please could you talk through the following with your son / daughter and make clear the reasons for this. The main reasons for the restriction of these communication devices are primarily around safeguarding and are:

1. To prevent distraction during the day for our students who may have great difficulty ignoring their phone during lessons for notifications, messages, games etc.
2. To actively prevent the recording of images and / or video footage or audio recordings that could put the student in the possession of such on their phone without the express permission of peers and staff in a difficult position, potentially involving police
3. To actively prevent online / cyberbullying issues throughout the school
4. To actively prevent collusion between students who may be highly agitated in a school setting

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**Any type of social media device brought to school will be 'out of sight ' and not in use during taught times, therapy sessions or independent study periods. Staff reserve the right to confiscate phones not 'out of sight' in lesson times. This is in line with the Dfe guidelines (2018)**

**Social media devices can be used before school lessons, at break time and lunchtime; however any infringement of the restrictions above will result in a discussion with parents, a ban on all social media devices in school for a designated period of time and for more serious breaches police involvement.**

**MP3 players and Ebook readers that cannot take pictures or recordings are allowed on site without issue.**

We would very much appeal to parents for their support on this directive as at the core of this is safeguarding of our pupils and staff.

This policy will be shared with students towards the end of term in tutor time once parents have had sight of this.