

Ysgol Harri Tudur Henry Tudor School

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Learners First Dysgwyr yng Nghyntaf

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Ysgol Harri Tudur/Henry Tudor School mobile free from September 2024

You will be aware that we have been reviewing the use of mobile phones at Ysgol Harri Tudur/Henry Tudor School. Over the past weeks we have consulted with and sought views from parents and staff, as well as other schools within the county, the Local Authority and the school's Governing Body. From September 2024 the school will become mobile free.

There is increasing evidence showing that mobile phones in school settings create distraction to learner's education, but can negatively impact on safeguarding, mental health and wellbeing. Covid has exacerbated the situation.

Ideally learners should, from the start of school in September 2024, leave their phone at home on school days.

If you would want them to have their phone whilst travelling to and from school, learners will be required to place their phone into secure and lockable storage during mentor time or when arriving late to school. At the end of the day, the phone can be collected. The format of the school day has been adjusted to allow this to happen. The same principle will apply to learners who arrive late or who are involved in school-related activities.

Learners who choose to bring their phone to school will be expected to place the phone into the secure container during mentor time or on their late arrival to school and collect their phone at the end of the day.

There is no change to the existing policy in that Ysgol Harri Tudur/Henry Tudor School does not accept responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged phones.

Learners who refuse to adhere to this policy will have their phone confiscated, to be collected by a responsible adult at the end of the school day. The phone will not be returned to the learner. We have been encouraged with the high level of support shown by all who we have consulted with. We accept there will be a small number of exceptions such as for those who need their phone for monitoring blood sugar levels; senior school staff will be available to discuss these exceptions and any concerns on Tuesday 16th July 2024 from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm at the Henry Tudor Community Learning Centre, adjacent to the Leisure Centre.

Thank you for your support in making Ysgol Harri Tudur/Henry Tudor School a mobile free school.

Yours sincerely,
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