

Use of Mobile Phones in school



Mobile Phones - From September 2018 we will be changing our rules regarding the use of mobile phones in school.

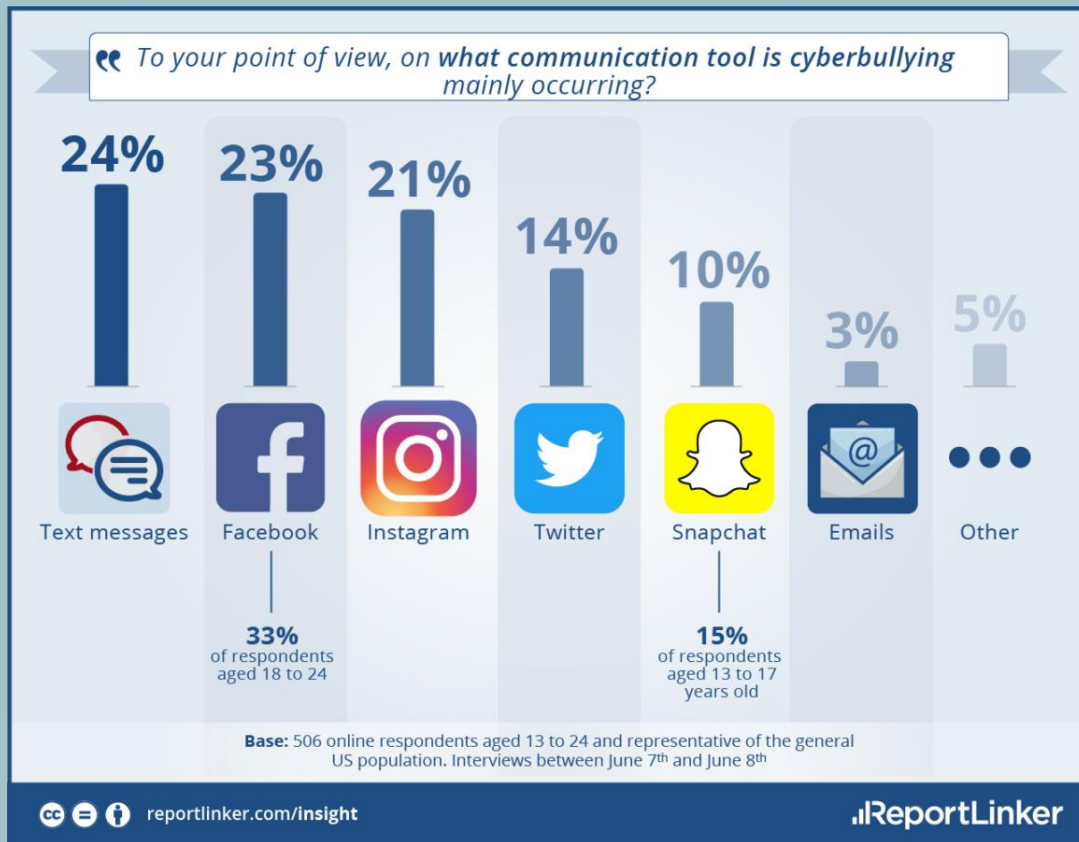
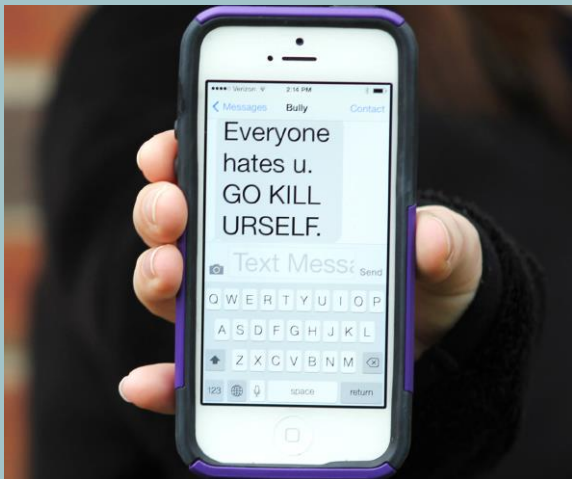
Today's Assembly

- Our concerns regarding mobile phone use.
- Your parents' concerns regarding mobile phone use.
- The new rules
- Our rationale



Our Concerns

As a school we are dealing with more and more incidents linked to the use of mobile phones.





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We are also concerned about the disruption to lessons that mobile phones are causing.

Some students have been accessing and using their mobile phones during lessons.



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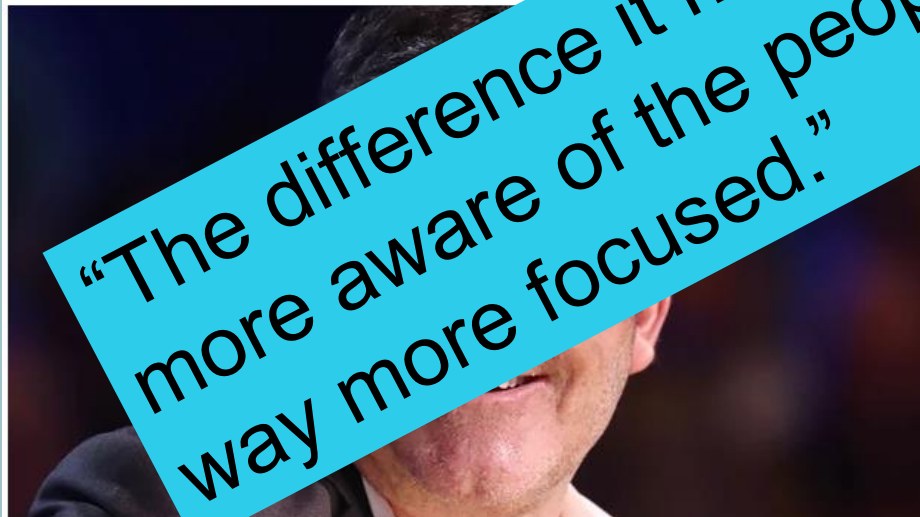
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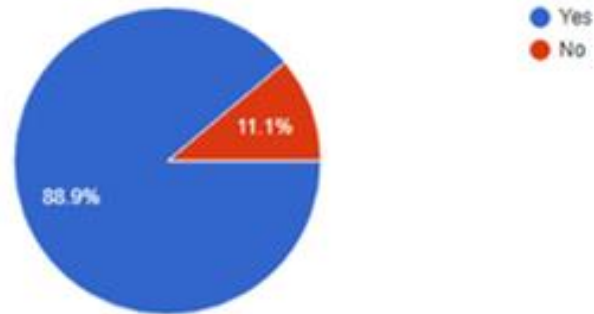
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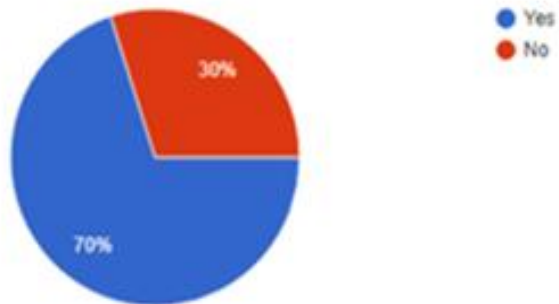
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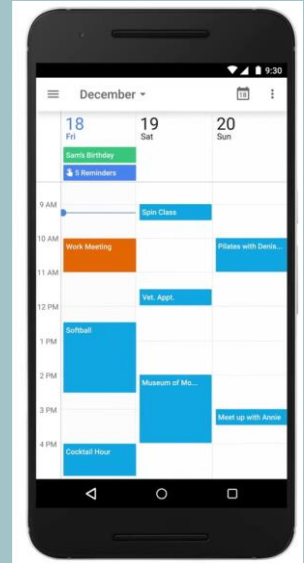
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Do you think the use of mobile phones is creating anxiety and stress in teenagers?



We also understand that mobile phones have a place in modern society

- Peace of Mind - Journeying to and from school
- Planning and Organising - We do not provide you with planners
- Lesson Activities - Calculators, Photographing informing or homework, accessing emails.





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You each have five 1hr lessons per day.

You also have one 20 minute tutor period each day.

Phones are already not allowed to be out in lessons or tutor time.

We are therefore only banning them for an additional 50 minutes a day.

In reality this reduces the amount of time in a year that you could spend on your mobile phone by less than 4%





What will it achieve?

- ✓ Fewer opportunities for cyber bullying in school.
- ✓ Fewer opportunities to access inappropriate content.
- ✓ Less disruption to learning.
- ✓ More opportunities for students to engage with each other rather than their phones.
- ✓ Reduce students dependency on mobile phones.



What next?

Letter to parents.

Tutor time tasks to raise awareness of our concerns about mobile phone use in school.

Detailed information regarding sanctions for failing abide by our new rules.

Leaflets distributed to parents at the meet the tutor evening on the 18th June 2018.

Opportunities for students ask further questions