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Dear Parent/Carer

**Downlands Forum – 12 December at 8am and again repeated at 6pm
'Mobile Phones – Their Use at School'**

As you may be aware, there is much discussion about mobile phones in schools. Matt Hancock, the digital minister, has suggested that schools ban the use of mobile phones by students. Amanda Spielman, Ofsted Chief Inspector, agrees. In France, the Macron government has put forward legislation that will ban the use of phones in all primary and middle schools. But what is the other side of the argument? Are mobile phones good educational tools? Are students being creative, are students able to collaborate and communicate and share ideas they have via a mobile phone?

Downlands, like many schools, would like to take this opportunity to gauge the views of parent/carers on mobile phones at school.

We feel this is such an important issue with many people wishing to express their views that we will be offering two Downlands Forums. Next Wednesday 12 December please join us either at 8am (for croissants and tea/coffee) or at 6pm (for nibbles and tea/coffee)

This is a very important decision that will affect every student at Downlands and we wish to consult and involve parent/carers in this decision making process.

If you would like to come along please go to this link: [12 December Downlands Forum on Mobile Phones](#)

Please come along, share your views and help shape the future of our school.

Yours faithfully

R Davies
Deputy Headteacher

