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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware of the recent policy announced on 15 June 2026 by the Prime Minister regarding restrictions on social media access for children under the age of 16, including platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube, Facebook, and X.

These changes will affect our school, and it is important you are aware of the adaptations we will be making to our mobile devices policy in school.

Bower Grove will be moving to a school where **mobile devices should not be used on the school premises** in line with DFE guidance stating schools should be “mobile-free environments by default.” This means pupils should not use their devices during lessons, between lessons, or during break and lunchtime. We recognise our pupils travel some distances to and from school and use their technical devices to support these journeys. Pupils are able to continue using their devices on transport.

For this reason, the following will apply:

- Pupils in Years R–9 will continue to hand in their devices as usual to their Class Team.
- Pupils in Years 10 and 11 will have the option to sign a mobile devices agreement. This is to support our children to learn how to manage keeping their devices safely. If a contract is signed by all parties, the device needs to be kept safely away...”not seen not banned.”

We appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain a focused and safe learning environment.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Cleave'.

Mrs M Cleave
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