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Dear parent/carer,

Smart Watches in School

As you are aware Smart watches are now banned from GCSE and A level examinations. The rule is being implemented to tackle the problem of them being used to cheat in examinations.

At school we are increasingly concerned that some of our students are using these watches to communicate with other students during lessons and during their social time. These watches have the same functionality as a mobile phone or PC.

In order to avoid distractions in lessons and possible Child Protection issues, such as bullying and abuse, we have taken the decision to **ban** these watches from the school premises with immediate effect.

Your compliance is requested for the safety and well-being of the school community. Smart watches should be left at home and if found in school will be sanctioned in the same way as mobile phones.

Yours sincerely,

Ms A Moore
Assistant Headteacher