



RECORD OF MEETINGS

Meeting Title: Parent Council



Present: MHa; ASm; Mrs Wilde; Mrs Hare; Mrs Vogler
Apologies: Mr Clegg; Mrs King
Date of Meeting: 24.11.25

Agenda Item	Who	Discussion Points
Mobile Phones	MHa	Shared the current guidance related to mobile phones in schools Guidance is aligned with current UVHS policy – no mobile phones to be seen on site (KS3-4); only in specific areas (KS5) Could ban mobile phones altogether Could insist on students handing phones in Are we right where we are?
	Parent	I believe that you are right as you are. Have no control over parental choice.
	MHa	Cannot monitor all of the places all of the time
	Parent	BAE have a zones approach – sounds like something similar. What are the downsides of phones?
	MHa	Most students are following the rules most of the time Invacuation policy is testing the theory Brief discussion of the invacuation process We prefer to control the communication
	Parent	Do you have mass messaging facilities?
	MHa	Yes
	Parent	You have a new set of bells for alarms?
	MHa	Yes – a whole new fire system
	Parent	Can you override the fire alarm?
	MHa	Yes – but you have to be sure about the decisions that you are making
	Parent	Think that the current policy is effective – doesn't muddy the waters with use in lessons
	Parent	What about smart watches?
	MHa	Smart watches are banned but we are not very good at policing it Students with diabetes are allowed to have their phones on their person. Will have to look into how this works for students in exams.
	Parent	Biggest problem is not the phone per se but how students behave with them. Policy is strong – needs to feed into a sense of community.
	MHa	Only possible next step is locking them away at morning reg – but the issue would then be giving them back
	Parent	Students seen with phones have them confiscated until the end of the day

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	MHa Parent MHa	Yes. 3 repeats – parent has to collect Many students have a strong emotional connection with their phones Concern about the addiction Vaping has become less common
Lunchtime and breaktime spaces	MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa	Increase in mass supervision at break and lunch has increased social interaction Some issues about space to eat lunchtime Some further work to be done on this re: spaces to eat Can students mix in form rooms? Yes, within reason.
New housing	Parent MHa	How will UVHS accommodate the new population growth? Builders are supposed to pay a levy to the LA to build infrastructure capacity?
Toilets	MHa	New A block male toilets are open. One more to do
	Parent MHa Parent	Have Team Barrow been in touch (corporate responsibility)? No. Will need another 30 places per year. Will look into this further
Substitute teachers	Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa	Concern about supply teachers – especially in maths and Science Was fully staffed but there were some last-minute changes which could not have been predicted Do you have a list of private tutors? No Could the buddy system from year 7 continue into older year groups? Potentially

Meeting closed: 18.00