



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

KDS/JSS

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Dear Parent/Carer

Apple Watches and Other Devices

As you are aware, last May we banned the use of mobile phones around the school site, except for in lessons when teachers allow it. This has been a huge success, with students on the whole abiding by the rules and we have noticed students are much more social during breaks, chatting to their friends and going outside for some physical activity and fresh air.

We have noticed recently that a lot of students are wearing Apple watches and similar devices. Obviously these can be used to receive text messages and phone calls and can also be used to respond. They have been banned for some time during exams and we have decided, after several incidents of students being seen texting on these devices, to ban them from school with the same rules as mobile phones. As of Monday 3rd February 2020, we will be doing spot checks and confiscating such devices from students until the end of the school day. It is acceptable for students to wear pedometer type devices, as long as they are not the type that can be used to access text messages or social media, or to receive phone calls.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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