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Dear parents and guardians,

Dear pupils,

Digital devices such as smartphones, tablets and laptops have become an integral part of everyday life. They also play an important role in school – but under clear conditions. The rules for using digital devices have been part of our school regulations for some time and are expressly confirmed by the current school law framework of the state of Schleswig-Holstein.

- Pupils are **not permitted to use private digital devices** during school hours. This applies not only to smartphones and smart watches, but also to tablets and laptops.
- Instead, the school provides school devices that are used exclusively for learning and remain at school.
- These devices are technically configured to block social media, games and other distracting content – in line with the school's educational mission.

According to the ministry's decree, the term "digital devices" specifically includes: **mobile phones, smartwhones, smartwatches, tablets and laptops**. These devices offer functions such as cameras, microphones and internet access, which can be used for both school and private purposes – and thus also entail risks such as distraction, cyberbullying or unauthorised recordings.

If your child needs their own device for health reasons, its use may be permitted with the **prior approval of the school management.** In such cases, please contact us directly so that we can work together to find a suitable solution.

Why this rule makes sense:

- equal conditions for everyone fair and straightforward
- · No distraction from private messages or apps
- · Safe and responsible use of digital media
- Protection from risks such as cyberbullying or content harmful to minors

We are convinced that this is the way to make digital learning a success – clear, protected and future-oriented.

Kind regards

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