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Dear Parents

In our drive to ensure that your children enjoy all the benefits of the boarding experience at St Richard's, we have decided to extend the number of 'Quiet Nights' when telephone calls are not permitted to include Friday nights as well; thus, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights will be designated as 'Quiet Nights'.

As I am sure you are aware, Friday night is a very busy night in the boarding house with a substantial number of flexi-boarders, particularly drawn from the younger forms and, as a result, the boarding staff are very busy looking after your children. Quiet nights allow the children to engage fully in the boarding experience and are invaluable in helping them to participate in this aspect of school life where they can enjoy the camaraderie and fun of boarding and develop their skills in self-reliance and responsibility. They also allow the staff to dedicate their time to ensuring that your children reap maximum benefit from the experience free from the distraction of telephone calls.

Whilst writing, Dicky recently confiscated a game from an eight-year old, which had an '18' rating. Such games are totally unsuitable for children of prep school age and whilst they may be permitted at home, must not be brought to school. I would be grateful for your support in this matter.

As usual there will be no flexi-boarding for the first week of next term, flexi-boarding will resume on **Tuesday 3rd May**. Flexi-boarding beds will be limited next term, so please give the matrons as much notice as possible if you would like to reserve a bed for your child. There will be **no flexi-boarding after Friday 17th June** for the final three weeks of the summer term.

There will be no minibus services on the first morning of next of term and I would be grateful if you could return your bus forms to the office as soon as possible to ensure that the registers are correct and up to date.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the above.

Yours sincerely

Nathan S Cheesman