



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent survey about mobile phone use in school. The feedback from both parents and students showed strong support for a phone-free school day using pouches, and we are now planning to introduce a new mobile phone procedure during the next academic year in line with recent government guidance.

The aim of this change is to reduce distractions, support learning and help students engage more positively with each other during the school day.

Under the new procedure, students who bring a mobile phone to school will place it in their secure locked pouch when they arrive. The phone will remain with the student throughout the day but cannot be accessed until the end of the school day, when the pouch is unlocked.

Students will still be able to use their phones before and after school when travelling to and from the site.

If you need to contact your child during the school day, the school office will continue to support this, as it does currently. Students who need to contact home will also be able to do so through our pastoral or medical teams.

From next academic year, families may choose for their child not to bring a mobile phone to school. In these cases, parents or carers will be asked to complete a form confirming this choice. Students who bring a mobile phone to school will be required to use a secure phone pouch. There will be a charge to cover the cost of the pouch, which is currently estimated to be under £10.

We will share further details with families once arrangements have been finalised. In the meantime, we would appreciate your support as we prepare for this change.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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