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Dear Parents and Carers,

Proposed changes to Mobile Phone Policy from July 2026

As you will undoubtedly have read / heard, the debate around the use of mobile phones in schools has really gathered momentum in recent months. So much so that the Education Secretary has written to all Headteachers to make it clear that all schools should be phone-free during the entire day, including breaktimes and lunchtimes.

In recent weeks, whilst on duty around the school, we have been asking students some key questions around the use of mobile phones and were quite shocked at some of the responses we've had. Some students' reported their screen time was in excess of 12 hours a day, multiple students reported (quite proudly!) over 400 notifications a day - vibrating alerts during a lesson when they are trying to learn which even the most conscientious student would find hard to ignore. These were just a few worrying examples and we are sure you see similar patterns at home, where your child cannot put their phone down - it is quite simply an addiction for some and, ultimately, a huge distraction at school.

It is clear, from our ongoing experience, that the use of phones in school is not conducive to learning and is a significant factor in many of the challenging situations that students find themselves in at school and in the community.

As a result of these factors we are going to follow government guidance and from July 2026 we plan to have a no mobile phone policy for Y7-11 students in school. Therefore, we would like to officially open a feedback period with you regarding our two identified options - the introduction of mobile phone pouches which allow students to bring their phones to school (this is our preferred option), or a complete ban of mobile phones on site. Part of this feedback process is for students, staff and parents to have the opportunity to raise any concerns, issues or simply things we haven't thought of. This feedback process also includes our new parents of September 2026 Year 7 starters, who will receive their information next week. We value your feedback and whilst we can't grant every wish, we will listen.

Our Proposal

Some schools, nationally and within our Trust, have explored the use of secure mobile phone pouches which students keep on them; this is something we are keen to explore during this feedback period (there would be no cost to families for their first pouch).

This method still allows for students to bring their phones to school (if you / they wish), but makes mobile phones (and associated devices) inaccessible through the school day.

Introducing secure pouches would bring us in line with strong emerging practice across the country. Currently, this would be our preferred method as there are many reasons why children do need phones to and from school.

The alternative would be a complete ban on phones on school grounds.

We know that the proposal will bring some questions so we have produced a summary of some '[Frequently Asked Questions](#)' However, if you have additional questions please attend one of the Parental feedback drop ins.

Next Steps and How to Share Your Views

The feedback period will run for a period of 3 weeks, from Monday 16th March to Monday 6th April This will involve governors, staff, students and parents / carers and is a chance for us to gain feedback on our proposed changes.

We warmly invite you to give us feedback in the following ways:

- 1) An online feedback form: <https://forms.gle/ZAzppy9wokioafQX6>
- 2) Attendance at our parental feedback event, at either 4.30pm or 6.00pm on Monday 23rd March 2026. To sign up please use this [Google form link](#)

Key dates:

- w/c 16th March - Feedback period officially opens for Staff, Students and Parents.
- Monday 23rd March - Parent Feedback drop in (4.30pm and 6pm)
- Monday 6th April - Feedback period closes.
- Friday 24th April - Feedback outcome shared with all stakeholders

If confirmed we would anticipate a period of four months to implement this change, aiming for July 2026.

Many thanks in advance for your input as we continue to work to create the very best school experience for your children.

Best wishes,

Tom Goodman

Headteacher