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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mobile Phones in School

You will be aware that mobile phone usage in schools and the use of social media for young people under the age of 16 has been all over the press again in recent weeks.

The initial guidance from the government regarding making schools 'mobile phone free environments' was non-statutory, meaning that it was guidance that schools should consider and implement if they felt it was right to do so. In response to this, we underwent consultation with you in the Autumn term with a view to stopping any usage of mobile phones on the school premises from January 2026. Overall, this has been successful, and you now very rarely see mobile phones out around school.

From 29 June 2026, this guidance will become statutory, and schools will need to ensure that students have no way of accessing their phones throughout the school day. We therefore considered three different ways that we could ensure that as a school students could not access their phones throughout the school day.

The first option would have been to say that students could not bring their mobile phones to school. This, however, would have clearly gone against the parental consultation we ran earlier this year, where many of you said you wanted your child to have their phone with them for the journey to and from school. The second option would be for students to use mobile phone pouches as part of their school equipment and the third option was to have lockable phone safes in each classroom that are collected and stored safely until the end of the day.

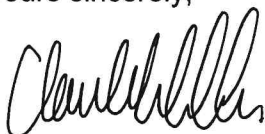
The second and third options were shared with students in assemblies on Friday and then they had a vote on Friday afternoon in their registration time. Students voted overwhelmingly in favour of having pouches that they use in school.

The school will provide students with their first pouch for them to use and be responsible for. They will bring their own pouch to school with them on a morning and will take their pouch home with them at the end of the day. Should a child lose, or damage their pouch, then we would ask that parents pay for the replacement pouch. The cost of a replacement pouch would currently be £9.50.

The new arrangements will be in place for our return in the Autumn term, but we may start to trial this with students before we break up for the holidays. I will keep you updated when the pouches arrive.

As ever, my thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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