



2 October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

### Mobile Phone Policy

In June 2026 members of the Education, Children and Families Committee agreed to restricting mobile phone use in all secondary schools from the start of the learning day until the end of the learning day.

The goal is to provide a focused, supportive and distraction-free learning environment for all pupils. By using the phone pouches, we aim to support pupils' wellbeing and reduce online distractions from learning.

To support this, we are being provided with lockable pouches for pupils to store their mobile phones during the school day. We will issue and start using pouches with our pupils from Tuesday 20 October.

### How will it work?

Pupils can continue to bring their own mobile phones to school.

On Tuesday 20 October at the start of the school day pupils will receive a lockable pouch and will be required to put their mobile phone into the pouch. Each phone and pouch will remain with their owner for the duration of the school day.

At the end of the school day, or when leaving the school grounds at lunchtime only, the pouch will be unlocked at the unlocking stations to allow pupils access to their mobile phones.

Pupils are expected to take their pouch to school every day, insert their phone and lock the pouch until they leave the school grounds. If pupils forget their pouch at home, they will be asked to switch off their phone and hand it to the school staff. Pupils will then be able to collect their phone at the end of the school day.

Pupils remain responsible for their own device while in the locked pouch. Care should be taken not to damage the pouch or the content (phone).



### Staying in touch during the school day

Parents/carers will continue to be able to contact the school through the usual communication channels.

If you need to contact your child/young person, please phone the school and we will contact your child as required.

### Exemption and reasonable adjustments

There will be a small number of pupils who may require access to their phone during the school day due to reasons such as medical or caring responsibilities. We appreciate that families may have individual circumstances and understand the reasons why some parents/carers may wish their child to be exempt from the ban.

However, our policy is being implemented to support a consistent, fair and positive learning environment for all pupils and we therefore think it's important to allow access to phones only when absolutely necessary and where we cannot find an alternative solution. Applying the policy equally across the school helps to avoid confusion, ensures fairness and supports our broader aims of reducing distractions, promoting wellbeing and encouraging effective engagement in learning.

Should you believe that your young person has need of this, please get in touch with your child's Pupil Support Leader. Any request should be made by Tuesday 6 October and the outcome will be shared with you before the October holiday.

Further information is available on our school website [here](#). Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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