



March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of Term 4, I am delighted to write to you. Term 4 ends on Friday 27th March and our staff and students will hopefully enjoy a well earned break. We will be sharing our latest 'Rednock Review' which is packed with stories and celebrations on the final day of term. I hope you enjoy reading about what our school has been up to this term. As we approach the Easter break, I want to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support and look ahead to next term, with some key dates and reminders:

- **School returns for Term 5 on Monday, 13th April** for all students.
- Usual school timings apply, students should pack for a **Week A** on their timetable.
- **Monday, 4th May** the school will be closed for the May Bank Holiday

Please support us by ensuring your child arrives back to school in full school uniform and with the equipment they require to learn effectively.

Many of you are now aware of our plan to move to phone-free schooling from September 2026. If you have missed the updates in the Rednock Review then in summary, from September 2026, all students in Years 7–11 who bring a mobile phone to school will be required to secure it in a secure, personal pouch at the start of the school day. The pouch will remain in their bag and locked for the duration of the school day. Mobile phones will not be used anywhere on school premises.

[The Department for Education](#) has been clear that mobile phones are one of the biggest distractions in classrooms, affecting student focus, behaviour and attainment. Despite “phones off and out of sight” policies, the reality in schools is that phones are still accessed, particularly in less supervised spaces such as corridors, toilets and at social times.

We believe this change in our policy will have a positive impact on learning, behaviour and, importantly, the wellbeing and safety of our students. As we work towards our launch, we will provide more detailed information, a frequently asked question (FAQs) document, and invite you to a launch event that we are planning for Term 6. At this stage, there is nothing you need to do. Simply be aware that we are working toward this change for September 2026.

The Easter break will have different meanings for each of us. For me, it's a time to reconnect with family and friends, reflect, and plan for the continued improvement of our school. For those students in examination years, this will likely be a very busy period of revision and preparation for the upcoming national exams. We recognise their hard work and wish them all the very best of luck.



Whatever Easter means to you, I hope it brings moments of fun, rest, and quality time with loved ones. On behalf of all the staff at Rednock School, I wish you a peaceful, safe, and happy Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Mike Stratford

Headteacher