



12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: Mobile Device Policy Update – September 2026

In the family bulletin issued before half term I informed you of a statutory change that is coming into force this September for all schools where it will no longer be sufficient for us to say phones must be 'off and away'. You have also received a letter from our CEO Alun Williams outlining our approach as a Trust. I am writing now to provide a brief update on the upcoming transition.

Starting from September 2026, to reflect the updated Government directive, students will be required to store their mobile phones and any other smart devices (including smartwatches and earphones) in a secure, signal-blocking pouch. These pouches are magnetically sealed, restricting access to devices throughout the school day.

Students will place these switched-off devices into the pouch at the start of the day and store it safely in their bags. At the end of the day, students will be able to unlock their pouches at designated unlocking stations as they exit the school site. If parents need to contact students or vice versa this can be done through reception as is the norm at present.

To ensure quality and compatibility with the unlocking stations, all students will be supplied with a pouch from a single, established supplier. These pouches are robust, sturdy, and designed to last for your child's entire duration at the school. The Trust has identified a supplier with extensive experience implementing this system in schools. This partnership will ensure the transition is as smooth as possible while taking into account our specific school context and the needs of our students. We are currently working on these logistics, and I will write to you again with a detailed outline once these plans are in place.

We will fund the initial purchase of these pouches and will provide all students with one in September. Students will be expected to bring their pouch to school each day as part of their essential equipment, locking their mobile phone, smartwatch and any wireless headphones inside it for the duration of the school day. We will install unlocking stations in key positions on the school site, allowing students to unlock their pouches as they leave the school site. There will also be unlocking stations available to students leaving early for sports fixtures or medical appointments.

You'll appreciate purchasing 500 pouches will be a significant cost to the school so we are therefore politely asking for a voluntary one-off contribution towards the cost from those families who feel able to support this. I am exceptionally grateful to those families able to contribute, but appreciate this comes at a time of increased financial pressures, so this is certainly not an expectation. Further details on how to make a voluntary contribution will be issued soon.

We are aware that a small number of our students have a significant officially diagnosed medical condition (diabetes for example) where access to their phone is essential for monitoring their condition. We will contact these families separately and look to make reasonable adjustments to this policy for this very small group of students.



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I am sure some of you will have questions regarding the finer details. There are lots of considerations and steps that will need to be in place in advance of September so we kindly request that all your potential inquiries regarding the move to pouches wait until you have received further information later this term. We will also dedicate some time to talk to the students so that they are fully briefed and prepared in advance of the summer holidays.

Thank you for your continued support as we make this important change.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl Musson'.

Karl Musson
Headteacher