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Important – Secure Lockable Phone Pouch System

Dear Year 12 and 13 Student,

From Monday 29th June 2026 we will be introducing Secure Lockable Phone Pouches for every student in school in Years 7, 8, 9, and 10. From September 2026 phone pouches will be in place for all students in Years 7 to 11. Students in Years 12 and 13 will not be required to have a secure phone pouch. However, there is a clear expectation that mobile devices will only be permitted to be used in specific designated areas of the school. You will receive further information on this in 6th Form assemblies and tutor times. Please see below further details about Lockable Phone Pouches and how these will be rolled out across the rest of the school.

This is a full school rollout with **no exception**. The policy is simple: **phones are not allowed to be used during the school day** and this system will ensure that rule is followed fairly and consistently. These pouches are already used in hundreds of UK schools and have delivered proven improvements in behaviour, focus, and wellbeing.

How it works:

- You will be issued your own signal-blocking pouch – this is your responsibility and must be brought to school each day.
- Every morning during entry to school, you will place your phone into the pouch and lock it. This process will be supervised.
- At the end of the day, you will be able to access unlocking stations, and some staff will have handheld detachers.
- If you leave school early (e.g. for an arranged appointment), reception can unlock your pouch before you go.
- If you forget your pouch, your phone will be confiscated until the end of the day.

Important clarifications:

- You should switch your phone off before putting it in the pouch, however, the pouch also uses signal-blocking technology to ensure no signals in or out if you do not switch your phone off. This **does not harm your phone** in any way.
- Because your phone signal is blocked, **earbuds, smartwatches and other connected devices will also not work** – so they cannot be used to get around the system.
- **In case of emergency**, your parents or carer can contact the school reception – exactly as they should now.

Behaviour expectations:

- **Not placing your phone in your pouch** = Reflection for the day and hand phone in to student services.
- **Attempting to cheat the system** (e.g. using another device or keeping a second phone) = Reflection for the day
- **Deliberate damage to the pouch** = Reflection or escalated sanctions and your parents will be billed for a replacement
- **Multiple breaches** of this policy will result in **escalating sanctions**



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This policy is about protecting your learning and ensuring a calm, focused school environment. Once the system is in place, most students find it becomes part of their normal daily routine within a week.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs L Barker
Headteacher



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