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Phone Pouch Update

2nd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to provide a further update on our introduction of phone pouches, which will be launched in September.

I am pleased to confirm that we have now taken delivery of enough phone pouches for all students. Over the coming week, we will also be installing the unlocking devices around the school site. This will allow our existing students to become familiar with where the stations are located and how the system will work before the system goes live after the summer break.

Attached to this letter is our **Phone Pouch Policy**, which was formally approved by Governors at their meeting earlier this week. The policy explains the reasons behind our decision, how the system will operate, and the expectations we will have of students. In particular, parents may wish to read the section on **sanctions**, which outlines the consequences for students who do not follow our expectations.

Please take some time to read the policy and discuss it with your child at home so that they are fully aware of what will be expected from September. Rest assured, we will also be explaining the system in detail during September introductory assemblies and demonstrating how the unlocking stations work with videos to help them see how it will operate.

Please note that the phone pouch system will not go live until pouches are issued during form time on **Monday 7 September**. Each student will be allocated their own pouch, clearly labelled for their exclusive use, on that morning and they will take it home with them every night.

To give parents and carers the opportunity to learn more about the system, ask questions, or simply see and test the pouches for themselves, we will be holding a drop-in session in the Main Hall from **4.00pm to 5.00pm on Wednesday 15th July**. You are very welcome to attend.

Thank you for your support as we introduce this important change. We believe it will help create an even more focused learning environment for all students and give them the guaranteed freedom they deserve from screen time whilst they are with us.

Yours,

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