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Dear Parent/Guardian

Mobile Letter to Parents – September 2026

As you will be aware from my previous communications, the government issued updated guidance regarding mobile phone use in schools at the end of last year. Following this, I informed you of our intention to introduce mobile phone pouches after the October half-term break.

I am delighted to let you know that we are now in a position to implement this initiative much sooner than originally anticipated.

The vast majority of students have adapted extremely well to our new routines, with phones being switched off and placed in bags during morning line-up. However, many students have acknowledged that there is still a temptation to use their phones during the school day, simply because they know they can access them. Introducing phone pouches is the next step in supporting students to remain fully focused on their learning by removing that temptation altogether.

On Wednesday morning, students received information explaining how the pouches will work. On Thursday, every student will be issued with their own pouch during tutor time and shown how to use it correctly. From that point onwards, phones must be placed in the pouches during morning line-up, and tutors will check that this has been done.

At the end of the school day, students will be able to unlock their pouches by tapping them at one of the unlocking stations that have been installed at the front of the school. They can then remove their phones.

If a student forgets their pouch, they will be required to borrow one for the day and return it before they leave that day. Should a pouch become lost or damaged, a replacement can be purchased via ParentPay for £10.

In the unlikely event that a student is found using a mobile phone during the school day, the sanctions introduced at the start of term will continue to apply. On the first occasion, the phone will be confiscated until the end of the week and returned following a detention on Friday. If a second incident occurs within the same half term, the phone will be confiscated until the end of that half term.



I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I have been of our students and the mature, positive attitude they have shown towards these new arrangements. Their willingness to embrace the changes has been impressive, and I am confident that this next step will further support a calm, focused and purposeful learning environment for all.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we introduce this important development.

Yours sincerely,



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