



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue preparations for Bristol Brunel Academy becoming a phone-free school from **Monday 6th July**, I wanted to provide a further update and share some of the work that has taken place with students.

The national conversation around mobile phones and social media continues to develop at pace. Government legislation regarding phone use in schools, alongside proposals for a social media ban for under-16s, is progressing quickly and I am sure there will be further updates and information released over the coming weeks. As a school, we believe it is important that we are proactive in supporting the wellbeing, safety and learning of our young people.

In preparation for becoming a phone-free school, I have delivered assemblies to all year groups. During these assemblies, we explored the growing body of research around mobile phone use and discussed the strong correlation between time spent on phones and its impact on mental health, wellbeing, concentration and relationships.

A second assembly is now being delivered to all students, focusing on the practical arrangements for our phone-free system and outlining exactly what students need to do each day. During these assemblies, I have explained the following:

- BBA will be a phone-free site.
- Mobile phones must not be visible or used anywhere within the school building.
- The only time students should have their phones out is when they are asked by their Period 1 teacher to place them into their secure pouch.
- Phones will remain secured for the duration of the school day.
- Students found with a phone out or using a phone while on site will be in breach of our phone-free expectations and will be sent home for the remainder of the day.

I appreciate that some parents may be concerned about communication during the school day and I would like to reassure you that your child will always be able to contact you if necessary. Becoming a phone-free school will not create a barrier between home and school communication.

We have a large number of staff who carry work mobile phones, multiple landline telephones across the academy and several phone lines connected to our main reception. Students will continue to be able to contact home when required and parents will be able to get messages to their children through our reception team, year teams, staff mobile phones and year team email addresses.

We are currently developing a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document that addresses the most common questions raised by students and parents. This will be shared with students during assemblies, discussed with tutors and sent home to families in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support as we introduce this important change. We are confident that becoming a phone-free school will have a positive impact on students' learning, wellbeing and engagement, helping them to make the most of their time at Bristol Brunel Academy.

### **A reminder of Information Sessions for Parents**

To help with this transition and answer any questions, we will be holding short information sessions, for parents and carers, which we ask you to sign up to.

#### **Dates:**

- Monday 29th June
- Tuesday 30th June
- Thursday 2nd July

**Time:** 5:30pm – 6.15pm

**Location:** Main Hall

To provide us with an idea of expected numbers please complete the survey below:

[Information sessions for Yondr phone pouches – Fill in form](#)

Yours sincerely,



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