



Monday 29th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the launch of our phone-free programme on Monday 6 July, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout this process and to provide some final reminders ahead of implementation.

Over the last few weeks, I have written to you outlining our decision to become a phone-free academy, the introduction of Yondr pouches and the extensive research and evidence that supports reducing mobile phone use during the school day. We have also shared the Government's position on mobile phones in schools and delivered assemblies to students explaining the rationale behind this important change. Our aim remains simple: to create an environment where students are fully focused on learning, develop stronger relationships with their peers and enjoy their break and lunchtime experiences free from the distractions that mobile phones can bring.

From **Monday 6 July**, all students will be expected to secure their mobile phones, smart watches and air pods etc in their Yondr pouch before entering the Academy. Phones must remain in pouches throughout the school day.

Students who choose to have their phone out during the school day will be in breach of our expectations. In these circumstances, parents will be contacted and students will be sent home. It is important that all students understand that this is not a negotiable expectation and that our procedures will be applied consistently.

We would also like to remind families that students are responsible for the care of their Yondr pouch. Should a pouch be lost or deliberately damaged, families will be required to cover the cost of replacement.

Being a phone-free academy does **not** mean that communication between parents and children cannot take place. We have a large number of work mobile phones available for student use, as well as an extensive network of landlines across the Academy. If a student needs to contact home, or if families need to get an urgent message to their child, we will continue to facilitate this in exactly the same way that schools have done successfully for many years.

As we approach the end of the academic year, we will be collecting in all Yondr pouches before students break up for the summer holidays. This will help us avoid pouches being misplaced or damaged over the summer break. Pouches will then be redistributed to students at the start of the new academic year.

To help us plan effectively, please complete this Microsoft Form by **Friday 3rd July**:

[Student's Mobile Phone – Fill in form](#)

This will enable us to identify students who do not have a phone or who do not bring a phone to school, to ensure we have accurate information before the phone pouch system is introduced.

To support students in becoming familiar with using their pouches, we will be trialling staggered end-of-day dismissal times from **Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July**. During this period, **Year 7 will finish at 3.00pm as normal, Year 8 at 2.50pm, Year 9 at 2.45pm, and Year 10 at 2.40pm**. All students are expected to remain in their tutor rooms with their tutors until they are called to leave via the tannoy system.

We are excited to reach this milestone and look forward to officially launching our phone-free programme on **Monday 6 July**. We firmly believe that this initiative will have a positive impact on students' learning, wellbeing, and social interactions, and we thank you for your continued support as we take this important step together.

Yours sincerely,

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