



20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Mobile Phone Policy Consultation – Outcome

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent consultation on reviewing the school's mobile phone policy. We received a high level of engagement from parents, pupils, staff and governors, and we are very grateful for the time taken to share your views.

### Why we carried out the consultation

The review was prompted by growing concerns about the impact of mobile phones on learning, behaviour and safeguarding. These included disruption in lessons, inappropriate use across the school site and wider concerns about online behaviour and pupil wellbeing.

### Key findings

We received 395 parent/carer responses. Overall, 71% supported some form of change, although views on a complete ban were mixed, with 51% in favour and 38% opposed. Key themes included a desire to reduce distractions and improve wellbeing, alongside concerns about communication, safety and medical needs.

There were 436 pupil responses. Most pupils favoured keeping the current rules and there was strong opposition (95%) to a full ban. However, many recognised that tighter controls could improve focus, reduce distractions and support better behaviour.

Staff and governors expressed very strong support for stricter measures. 98% of staff supported a complete ban, and governors also recognised the potential benefits for learning, wellbeing and social interaction. Both groups emphasised the importance of clear rules, consistent enforcement and appropriate safeguards.

### Overall conclusion

The consultation indicates a clear appetite for stronger control of mobile phone use in school. While opinions differ—particularly between pupils and adults—the evidence highlights significant educational and safeguarding benefits from tighter restrictions.

### Decision and next steps

Following careful consideration of all responses, the Governing Body has approved the introduction of a **ban on mobile phones during the school day for pupils in Years 7–11 from September 2026**. This applies while pupils are on the school site (not during travel to and from school). Phones must be out of sight in bags and will be confiscated if seen. A separate approach will be developed for sixth form students.



We will now begin planning for implementation. This will include clear communication with parents and carers, arrangements for medical and safeguarding needs, systems to support communication between home and school, and a review period after implementation. The new mobile phone use policy, containing specific details of changes, will be developed over the coming weeks and shared with all stakeholders in the new term.

We recognise this is a significant change and appreciate that views vary. Our priority remains creating a safe, focused and supportive learning environment for all pupils, and we will continue to work closely with parents and carers as we move forward.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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