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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Re: Reminder & update – Changes to the Academy’s policy on mobile phones**

If you need any clarification on the information below, or if a translation would be helpful, please use the following link: <https://translate.google.com/>. Please note that this tool is provided for convenience, and the Academy cannot take responsibility for the accuracy of its translations.

We’re just over a school week away from launching the Academy’s new mobile phone policy. As previously communicated, starting on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**, all students who bring a mobile or digital device to school will be required to secure it in a locked, signal-blocking ‘Hush’ pouch at the start of the day and unlock it when leaving school site.

We are pleased that a ban on smartphones in schools has now been set as government policy with the introduction of the Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Bill. This shifts what was previously non-statutory guidance into a legal requirement, requiring all schools across the country to follow suit. This change also aligns with [calls from local police to ban smartphones](#). We will be one of the first schools in the city to introduce this measure and are really pleased to have been able to communicate this with you well in advance over an extended period, rather than at short notice.

We will be providing all students with a pocket-sized copy of their timetable on 1<sup>st</sup> June, as we know that many currently rely on their phones for this. We have also updated our FAQs to provide answers to common questions that have been raised by families.

A photograph has been attached to this letter to show that the pouches are substantial and will comfortably fit a mobile phone. You will also notice that to carry the pouch safely, it is even more important that your child brings a suitable bag to school each day. If your child doesn’t currently have a bag, we would encourage this to be arranged over the upcoming half-term break so they are fully prepared on their return on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Branded school bags are available for families who would like additional support with this.

As a reminder, you do not need to do anything further if your child will be bringing a phone or other device to school and there are no medical exemptions.

However, if your child **will not** be bringing a phone or other device to school, or if there are any **medical exemptions** and you **have not** already been in contact or received confirmation of agreed adjustments from us, you need to complete the Microsoft Form (link below) by tomorrow: **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.

**Link to Microsoft Form: [Mobile Phone Policy - Devices & Exemptions Form - May/June 2026](#)**



### Support and further information

- **Student assemblies and demos** will be taking place next week.
- A **'How To' video** is attached to this letter and will be available on our website in due course.
- **MKA's FAQs** are attached to this letter and will be available on our website in due course.
- **Hush website:** <https://www.hushpouch.com/>
- **Hush FAQs** (when available): <https://www.hushpouch.com/faqs>
- **DfE guidance:** [Mobile Phones in Schools](#)
- **Policy Exchange report:** [Disconnect: The Case for a Smartphone Ban in Schools](#)

We would like to thank you for your overwhelming support for this initiative. We genuinely believe this will improve school life for all students across the Academy and positively support their wellbeing. If you have any questions, please refer to the FAQs or contact the school office for further support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Farquhar'.

Gordon Farquhar  
Principal