



# Endon High School

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Dear Parent/Carer, Pupils, Staff and Governors

## Re: Introduction of secure mobile phone pouches

To support teaching, learning, safeguarding and positive social interaction, we will be strengthening our existing mobile phone-free approach through the introduction of a secure mobile phone pouch system.

As parents and carers know, Endon High School has been a phone-free school for a number of years and our current policy has been highly successful in ensuring that mobile phones are not seen or used during the school day. This decision is also in line with current Department for Education guidance, which encourages schools to place strong restrictions on mobile phone use during the school day. This approach is also being adopted across the secondary schools within our Trust.

While our existing approach has worked very well, secure phone pouches will provide an additional layer of certainty and safeguarding, particularly in ensuring the highest standards of pupil privacy and wellbeing across the school site.

Secure phone pouch systems are now used successfully in thousands of schools internationally, including a number of schools locally. We are confident that this change will have a positive impact on learning, behaviour, focus and wellbeing across our school community.

We recognise that mobile phones can be valuable tools. However, evidence and experience show that pupils learn more effectively and interact more positively when they are fully engaged with their teachers and peers throughout the school day.

Under the new system, pupils will place their phones into a secure pouch during morning registration. Pupils will keep possession of their phones during the day, but the pouches will remain locked until the end of the school day, when pupils will be able to unlock them before leaving site.

Parents and carers will still be able to contact pupils urgently through the school reception in the usual way.

After half term, we will share further details, including the planned implementation timeline and a list of Frequently Asked Questions to address any queries you may have.

We are currently finalising arrangements and will confirm the launch date after the half-term break. We will also deliver a series of assemblies to explain the changes and expectations clearly to pupils.

We appreciate that this is a significant change and we are grateful for your support as we implement it carefully and positively.

Yours sincerely



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