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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware we have made the decision to go **smartphone free in September**. Thanks to those of you who completed our survey at the beginning of the year, attended our consultation meeting and those of you who have shared your feedback and suggestions. Your input has been vital to ensure we create the right policy and systems for the school.

We appreciate this is a significant change to our policy and after extensive research, visits to smartphone free schools, as well as updates from the DfE and Local Authority regarding the use of smartphones by young people, we feel this is the right decision.

We have worked with students in tutor time to help them understand the issues and dangers of smartphone use and why we are going smartphone free. We have also met with form representatives from various year groups to ensure we have heard students' concerns. We will be delivering an assembly to all students in years 7-10 this term to explain our new rules which will apply from September.

We have now finalised our smartphone free appendix which is part of our **Positive Behaviour for Learning Policy** and has been agreed by our Governing Body. Details are on pages 24-27 of the policy which is on the school website and which we have attached here. [Positive Behaviour for Learning Policy](#) This includes a **list of suggested acceptable school phones or 'brick' phones**. We have also researched numerous **GPS trackers** that you may wish your child to have in addition to a 'brick' phone.

To put our changes into context, here is a link to a **letter from the Local Authority**, endorsing a 'smartphone-free' approach in schools, which we included in our Greensheet earlier in the year [Greensheet - 27 March 2026](#)

We are aware that some students may have **medical needs** or specific family situations that may require them to have access to a smartphone. If you feel your child is eligible for exemption from our policy we have created a form that you can complete to request this. All applications will be dealt with on a case by case basis. The form can be found on page 27 of our PBfL policy.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Kind regards

Ms Marriott and Ms Warren

