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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following our recent communications regarding the introduction of the new mobile phone pouches for September, we are writing to share a final update on how this system will be rolled out.

Our primary goal has always been to ensure that day one of the new term is completely seamless, distraction-free, and straightforward for every student. To guarantee that every child is equipped with the exact, correct specification of pouch from their very first day, we have made the decision to take over the procurement directly and buy the entire stock centrally.

By purchasing in bulk, we have secured the necessary inventory immediately, removing the logistical burden from families over the summer holidays.

Instead of requiring families to independently purchase the pouch, the school will issue a compulsory phone pouch directly to every student in September on a long-term loan basis, much like a textbook or school-issued device. The pouch will remain the property of the school.

While central procurement is the most efficient way to launch this initiative, absorbing this upfront cost places an unexpected strain on our school budget. To protect our core funding for classroom learning, textbooks, and extracurricular activities, we are introducing a Returnable Deposit Scheme and asking families for a voluntary contribution/deposit of £15.80 per pouch.

We know our community shares our commitment to creating a focused, phone-free learning environment. To ensure this does not place a long-term financial burden on families, this contribution will operate as a fully refundable deposit. At the end of Year 11 (or if your child leaves the school earlier), the full £15.80 will be returned to you, provided the pouch is handed back to the school in a reusable condition.

We are incredibly grateful to all families who are able to make this upfront deposit to help us offset the capital layout. Deposits can be paid quickly and securely via ParentPay.

As the pouches are a compulsory piece of daily equipment and remain school property, students will be expected to treat them with respect. In line with our standard school property processes, if a pouch is lost, intentionally defaced, or maliciously damaged, a compulsory replacement fee of £15.80 will be charged to cover the cost of a new item.

Thank you for your continued partnership and flexibility as we finalise the preparations for a highly successful, focused new academic year.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Daniel Osborne
Principal