



HODGE HILL GIRLS' SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Change to Mobile Phone Policy

At Hodge Hill Girls' School, our priority is to ensure that every pupil feels safe, calm and able to focus fully on their learning. Increasingly, both our teaching and pastoral teams have found that pupil access to mobile phones during the school day can disrupt this positive environment. After careful consideration and encouraged by the positive impact seen in other phone-free schools, Hodge Hill Girls' School will be introducing a mobile phone-free policy from 1st September 2026.

For further information: [DfE Guidance: Mobile Phones in Schools](#)

We recognise that many pupils need their phones for their journey to and from school, and we are not asking pupils to stop bringing their phone altogether. Instead, when school re-opens in September, all pupils will be issued with a magnetic Phone Locker pouch, in which they will securely store their phone throughout the school day. These pouches remain with the pupil at all times, but they can only be unlocked at a designated magnet station when pupils leave at the end of the school day. Our research shows that this approach offers a simple, consistent and pupil-friendly way to manage phone use, without relying on punitive measures.

Mobile phone use is already prohibited during the school day, and the Phone Locker system provides a clear and supportive way to uphold this expectation. It avoids the need for staff to confiscate devices and prevents unnecessary conflict, while giving pupils the reassurance of having their phone safely with them throughout the day.

All pupils will receive a Phone Locker pouch free of charge at the start of term. If a pupil loses or damages their pouch, parents will be required to purchase a replacement copy via ParentPay at a cost of £12, so that every pupil can continue to keep their phone securely on their person. If a mobile phone is found on a pupil without being in their pouch, it will be confiscated and parents will be contacted & informed of a collection time. Please view the [Phone Locker Frequently Asked Questions for Parents](#) on our school website.

We know many families share our concerns about the impact of mobile phones on wellbeing, focus and social interactions. Your support at home will be invaluable in helping us embed this change smoothly and positively for all students. To assist the school in introducing this new policy, please click the link below to complete a short survey about your child's mobile phone use.

HHGS Mobile Phone Use

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Yours faithfully

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