

Mobile Phone Pouches

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A smartphone ban in English schools is coming into force. What's changing?

27 June 2026

A ban on smartphones in schools in England comes into force on Monday, 29 June, making individual schools and trusts legally responsible for being phone-free throughout the day.

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A warm-up: fill in the gaps

Guidance

Mobile phones in schools

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1. All schools should be mobile phone-free environments by []; anything other than this should be by exception only.
2. As part of this policy, schools should develop a mobile phone policy that prohibits the use of mobile phones and other smart technology with similar functionality to mobile phones throughout the [], including during [], [], [] and [].
3. The Department for Education (DfE) expects schools to implement a policy whereby pupils do not [] to their mobile phone throughout the school day.

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But why?

The government has identified that smart phone use has a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of young people.

There is a reliance on **lots of people** who have smartphones is an addiction that is unhealthy.

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But why?

We can think of it as the same as we think about smoking.



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But why?

Smoking used to be prevalent everywhere and it was unregulated.

The more research that was done, the more people discovered the negative impacts of it.

That leads to governments trying to step in and advise it's citizens against smoking and put laws in place to prevent it's use.

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But why?

The First Nationwide Indoor Bans

- **Ireland (2004):** Became the first country to successfully pass and implement a sweeping, nationwide "smoke-free" law for workplaces, restaurants, and pubs.
- **United Kingdom (2006/2007):** Scotland became the first country in the UK to enforce rules banning smoking in public in 2005. England, Wales, and Northern Ireland followed suit in July 2007.

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Very often there is a delay in the reaction to things that are new, such as technology as governments discover what the long-term effects of them are.

How do they work?



This is them open, you will place your phones / headphones inside and then close them

This round side is the magnet and you use that at the end of the day to unlock it.



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How do they work?



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This is an unlocking station.
You place the rounded part of the pouch into the centre to unlock.

The video on the next slide shows you how to do it.

How do they work?



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What will happen on Monday?

During tutor

You will be registered as normal.

One at a time you will come up to the teacher's desk.

You will be given an open pouch.

Your teacher will record the number on the pouch you have

You will turn off your phone and put in the pouch along with any technology like smart watches or air-pods

Your teacher will close the pouch.

You will then put the pouch in your bag.

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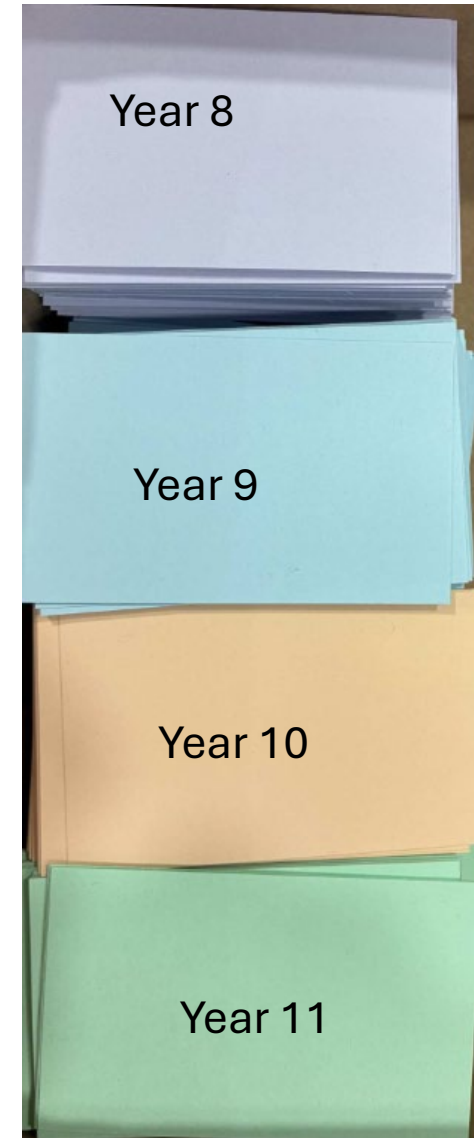
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What will happen on Monday?

How will I know it's mine?

You will be given a card, that goes in here

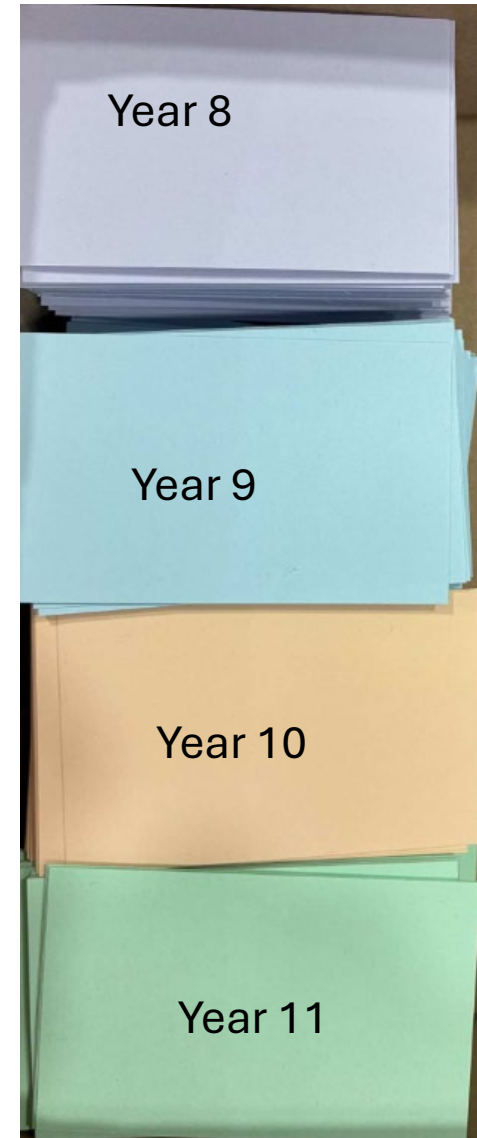
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What will happen on Monday?

You should put your name on the card and the year group you will be in **NEXT YEAR** (September 2026)

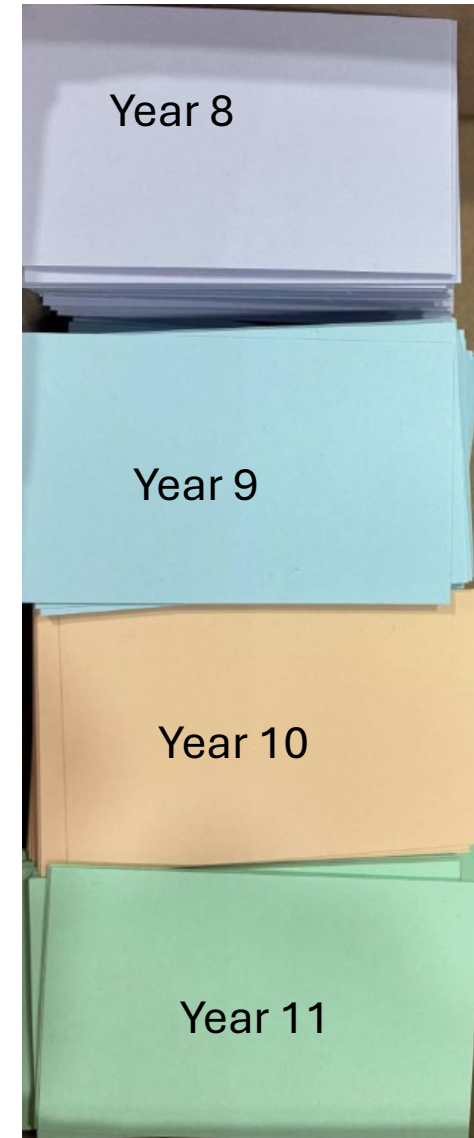
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What will happen on Monday?

You can personalise your card, but not your pouch. Your pouch remains the property of City Academy.

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Where can I unlock my pouch?



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5 outside the student entrance

Where can I unlock my pouch?



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1 outside the turnstile

Where can I unlock my pouch?



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2 on the grass outside the Beacon centre

Where can I unlock my pouch?



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2 in the Venue

Where can I unlock my pouch?



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2 on the wall near the staff car park

Where can I unlock my pouch?



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2 outside the Sports Hall entrance

Where can I unlock my pouch?

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1 outside the Main Entrance

Keeping your pouch in good condition

The pouch remains the property of City Academy.

You are responsible for keeping it in good condition.

That means not drawing on it, trying to keep it dry, generally looking after it.

One of the ways to look after your pouches is to lock it when you aren't using it. That means at the end of the day when you take your things out, you should lock it again. This will protect the pin from any potential damage in your bag.

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Damaged pouches will incur a cost of £15.

I don't want to

We know.

We are aware that it will be a challenge for some of you.

But we have to explain to you that it is not the right thing to do.

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I think I can break the pouch

I'm sure you can.

Deliberately breaking the pouch will mean a suspension and you will owe £15 to the school for a new pouch.

Your phone will stay in Reception until we receive the £15.

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I think I can break the pouch

We will be doing checks of your pouches.

There are clear indicators of attempting to break the pouch.

The point is not to find a loophole in the system; we are becoming a phone free school. You should expect a severe sanction if you in any way attempt to deceive us or break the system.

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What happens if I forget my pouch?

The first time you forget your pouch, you will let someone know on entry to the school building.

Your phone will be kept in reception, you will collect it at the end of the day.

If you forget your pouch on a second occasion, a parent or guardian will have to collect it from reception.

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What happens if I lose my pouch?

The pouch is your responsibility to look after.

We are recording everyone that is receiving a pouch, if you cannot produce a pouch when asked we will assume it is lost and you will need to pay £15 for a replacement.

Up until the £15 is received your phone will remain in reception each day.

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The pouch is your responsibility – look after it.



I don't always bring my phone, should I get a pouch?

We suggest bringing your phone in on Monday so that you can receive your pouch.

It is then up to you whether you bring your phone to school but at least you have the option straight away.

If you don't own a phone, but will in the future all you need to do is tell us when you get a phone and we will provide your first pouch for free.

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Next week

Tuesday will be the first day that you are coming through and showing your pouch

You will need to show your phone is switched off and that you're placing and locking it in your pouch.

You should expect some delays while we start this, we will open up the queue by the Venue at 8:25am (five minutes earlier) to help with this.

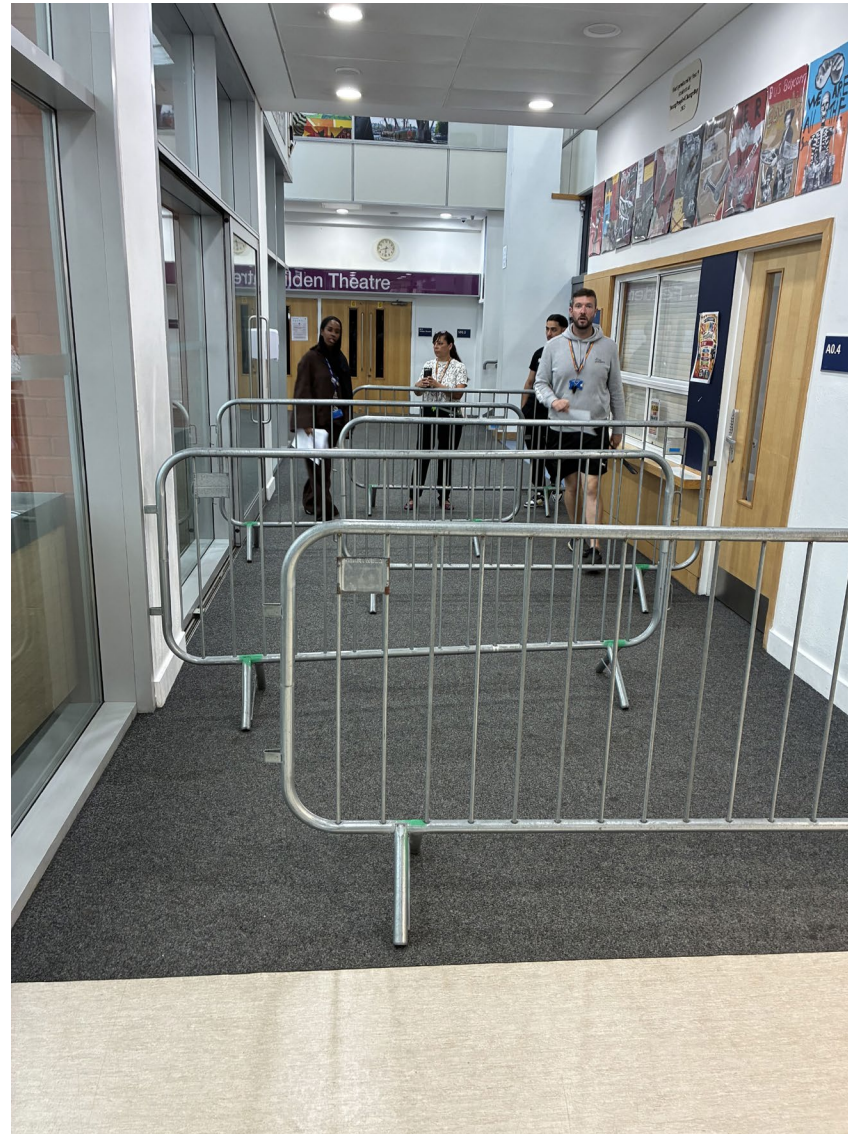
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Next Week

Pouch checks will be happening as soon as pouches have been given out.

We are specifically looking for ways in which the mechanism could be damaged.



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We know it will be a challenge.

But we also know this is something that we **must** do.

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