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Dear Parents and Carers,

At The Radclyffe School, our vision is **Working Together for Excellence**. As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding wellbeing, improving concentration, and supporting positive relationships, we are consulting with parents and carers on a proposal to introduce a phone-free school day that will be introduced in the next academic year.

Over recent years, mobile phones have become an increasingly significant presence in young people’s lives. While technology can be valuable, evidence from schools across the country suggests that **limiting** mobile phone use during the school day can lead to:

- Improved focus and academic progress
- Better behaviour and reduced disruption in lessons
- Stronger friendships and social interaction
- Fewer safeguarding concerns linked to social media use
- Reduced anxiety and distraction

To meet the now legal requirements of The Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026, we are planning to introduce mobile phone pouches alongside tightening up our confiscations policy. This would mean that students do not have access to their mobile phones during the school day and that should they need to have their phone confiscated, parents would be expected to collect the mobile phone device from reception on each confiscation.

The introduction of mobile phone pouches would mean their phone being stored in a special phone pouch and kept on their person in their school bag. They would then unlock the pouch and release their phone on their way out of school at the end of the school day. Please note this would be an additional measure to our ‘Mobile Devices policy’ that currently operates at The Radclyffe School, and which would remain in place regardless of the outcome of this consultation.



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We recognise that parents and carers may have questions or views about this proposal, particularly in relation to communication, travel arrangements, and student wellbeing. Your feedback is extremely important in helping us make a well-informed decision that reflects the needs of our school community. Please read the Frequently Asked Questions pages that accompany this letter.

We invite you to share your views by completing the consultation form linked below by Friday 10th July 2026. Please note this is the final date for parental submissions. Feedback from all stakeholders will then be reviewed.

[Mobile Phone Consultation - Parental Consultation Form – Fill in form](#)

Once we have collated all the feedback, the outcome and next steps will be clearly communicated with families before October 2026. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide a calm, safe and purposeful environment where all students can flourish academically, and socially.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Cregg