BILTON SCHOOL

# Mobile Phone Policy Review

INFORMATION

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What if my child needs to contact me during the school day?**
Students needed to contact parents in an emergency may request on call and use a school phone to make contact.

**What if I need to contact my child?**
If contact is essential, please call the school or email the office and a message will be given to your child during the day.

**When will students put their phones into their pouches?**
At the start of the school day. Each gate will have a member of staff on it, as well as a member of the leadership team. Students will be asked to put their phone into their pouch as they enter school. Pouches will also be checked during tutor time and throughout the day.

**How do the pouches unlock?**
We have several unlocking stations, both fixed to the wall and portable. These will be unlocked at the end of the day. If a student's needs to leave site during the day the pouch will be unlocked at reception.

**How do I know if my child is safe travelling to and from school?**
We will provide basic phones to students that require this travelling to and from school.

**How does this apply to staff and lessons?**
Staff will not use their phones around the site, they will only use in emergencies and in staff areas

**Will we need phones for lesson activities?**
We are a smartphone free school, therefore they will not be required for activities on school.

**What happens if my child refuses to put their phone in their pouch?**
Students will have their phone taken off them and confiscation rules will apply.

**What happens if my child damages or loses their pouch?**
A damaged or lost pouch will need a replacement, this will cost approx. £11.

**What happens if my child doesn't bring their phone to school?**
They will still receive a pouch as they may change their mind. If your child does begin to bring their phone to school, we would appreciate you communicating this change to us.

**My child has a medical condition, will they get a velcro pouch?**
Students who have a medical condition and require their phone to monitor it will have a velcro pouch, this pouch will not block the signal. Other medical conditions not needing a phone to monitor will be given a lockable pouch.

**Are pouches optional?**
This will be a requirement for Year 7 – 9, provided by the school and optional for Year 10-11 in September 2025

**What do students do at social time?**
Students at social time commonly take part in sport, uno, chess, chatting, rubick's cubes, library.