



# Purbrook Park School

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Headteacher: Paul Foxley MA



26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents,

## Phone Free School

I am writing to inform you of our decision to become a Phone Free School. This will come into effect on Tuesday 14 April 2026, at the start of the summer term.

We have carefully considered clear national guidance, current research, and our own experience of the impact mobile phones can have on pupils' day-to-day life in school. We believe that removing access to mobile phones during the school day will lead to improved concentration, stronger engagement in learning, better wellbeing, and more positive social interaction between pupils.

We want our school to be a place where pupils are fully focused on learning, building relationships, and developing independence and resilience. Removing access to mobile phones during the school day will help to:

- Reduce distractions in lessons and improve academic focus
- Encourage face-to-face communication and positive friendships
- Minimise issues linked to social media, online safety, and bullying
- Support pupils' mental health and wellbeing

To enable this change, all pupils will be issued with a secure phone pouch. On arrival at school, pupils must place their mobile phone into their pouch by 8.30am. Once locked, the phone must remain in the pouch for the entire school day. Pupils will keep the pouch with them in their school bag at all times.

The pouch is designed to protect the phone, and also blocks the phone signal, meaning pupils will not be able to access calls, messages, apps, or the internet on their phone during the school day. Each pouch is issued to an individual pupil and remains their personal responsibility. If a pouch is damaged, broken, or lost, it must be replaced at your own cost.

At the end of the school day, from 3.00pm, pupils will be able to unlock their pouch at designated unlocking points around the school site, so that they can access their phone when travelling home.

If a pupil is seen using, attempting to use, or accessing a mobile phone at any point during the school day, the phone will be confiscated. The phone will only be returned to a parent, and the pupil will be required to attend a Friday detention from 2.20pm until 5.00pm.

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We value our excellent communication with parents. If you need to contact your daughter or son in an emergency during the school day, please call our reception who will ensure that your daughter or son receives your message.

We value the information shared with pupils and parents via the Edulink app, and we acknowledge that pupils will only be able to access this app at home or while travelling to and from school. Every pupil will be given a physical copy of their timetable before the start of the summer term.

This change applies to all pupils, with the exception of those in Year 11. At the start of the summer term, Year 11 pupils will be fully focused on their forthcoming GCSE examinations, and for this reason they will not be issued with phone pouches. We nevertheless expect all Year 11 pupils to respect the principles of this change and not to use their mobile phones in school during the school day.

We also recognise that some pupils with additional needs may need access to their phone during the school day. In these cases, we will contact parents individually, and pupils will be issued with a pouch that they are able to open during the school day, as appropriate, to support their individual needs.

Our pupils' behaviour is already excellent at Purbrook Park, and we believe that becoming a Phone Free School will create an even calmer, safer, and more focused learning environment for everyone. We ask for your support in reinforcing these high expectations, and that you discuss them with your son or daughter ahead of the new term.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us in the usual way, either by calling us on 02392 350351, or by email at [admin@purbrook.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@purbrook.hants.sch.uk).

Thank you, as always, for your tremendous ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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