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Dear Parents and Carers,

Creating a Mobile Phone-Free School

I am writing to inform you of an important change to our approach to mobile phone use in school. The Department for Education has made it clear that schools should be mobile phone-free environments. The guidance states that schools should prohibit the use of mobile phones throughout the school day to support behaviour, wellbeing and learning. Research continues to show that reducing access to mobile phones during the school day has a positive impact on students' concentration, engagement in learning, social interaction and mental wellbeing.

From Thursday 3rd September, Hednesford Valley High School will become a mobile phone-free school. From this date, students will not be permitted to use mobile phones anywhere on the school site during the school day, including before registration, during lesson changeovers, break time, lunchtime and at any other point until they leave the school site at the end of the day. Mobile phones must remain securely stored away for the entire duration of the school day.

We fully recognise that many students need to bring a mobile phone to school for safety and communication before and after school. Our aim is therefore not to prevent students from bringing a phone to school, but to ensure that it cannot be accessed during the school day.

Before making a final decision on how phones will be stored during the school day, we would like to seek the views of our parents and carers. We are considering two possible approaches:

- Option 1 – Lockable Mobile Phone Pouches: Students would place their phone into a secure lockable pouch on arrival at school. The pouch would remain locked throughout the school day but stay in the student's possession. It would then be unlocked at the end of the school day before students leave the school site.
- Option 2 – Secure Classroom Lock Boxes: Students would place their phone into a secure lock box within their tutor classroom at the start of the day. The phones would remain securely stored until the end of the school day when they would be returned to students.

We would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete the consultation form and let us know which approach you feel would work best. Your feedback will help inform the final implementation arrangements.

Please complete the consultation form using the link below:



[Mobile phone free school – Fill out form](#)

Following the consultation, we will communicate the outcome and provide full details of the procedures that will be in place from Thursday 3rd September.

We appreciate that this is a significant change, and we are grateful for your support. By working together, we can create a calmer, more focused learning environment where students are fully engaged in their education and able to develop positive relationships with their peers.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Perry', is displayed on a light yellow rectangular background.

Emma Perry
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