

Dear Parent/Carer

As I'm sure you are aware, in England, the statutory requirement for schools to ban the use of mobile phones comes into force on 29 June 2026. Under Section 36 of the [Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026](#), state-funded schools are legally required to have regard to the published guidance.

Key details of the legislation and rules:

- **The Rule:** All state-funded schools in England are expected to be mobile phone-free environments by default, restricting access during lessons, between classes, and during break and lunch times.
- **Implementation:** Headteachers have discretion on how to achieve this (e.g., lockable pouches, lockers, or handing them in at the start of the day).
- **Compliance:** Ofsted inspects the implementation of a school's mobile phone policy as part of its regular inspection process.

You can read the full [Department for Education Mobile Phones Guidance](#)

Thank you to everyone who engaged with our recent questionnaire regarding the impact of mobile phones on learning. With nearly 70% of responses expressing concern over how smart devices can disrupt education, and in light of the regulations above, we have consulted closely with both parents and staff to find the best way forward.

The consensus was clear: our community strongly prefers a solution using lockable pouches. This ensures that while students cannot use their devices during the school day, they still keep possession of them for safety on their journeys to and from school.

Following this feedback, I am delighted to announce that Carisbrooke College is partnering with [QuietCase](#) to become a phone-free school, starting on Monday 29 June 2026.

This exciting initiative builds upon our existing no phone policy and reflects our deep commitment to tackling the challenges posed by smart devices and social media. By securely locking their devices in a tamper-proof, signal-blocking QuietCase for the duration of the school day, our students will experience fewer distractions, improved focus in lessons, and richer, more positive social interactions with their peers.

We are proud to be giving our young people the mental space to think, learn and socialise without digital interruption. Benefits that other schools using this system have seen translate into increased student happiness and a calmer learning environment.

QuietCase works well because:

- **Ownership and Daily Routine:** Every student will be issued their own QuietCase pouch. As part of our morning line-up routine, students will turn their phones off, place them inside their pouch, and lock it. A replacement pouch if lost or damaged will need to be replaced for a cost of £18.

- **Possession:** The phone stays safely in your child's bag throughout the day, ensuring they remain responsible for their own property.
- **Dismissal:** At the end of the school day, students will use dedicated, high-flow unlocking stations at the school exits to open their pouches as they leave.

Please note: Headphones and smartwatches will also need to be placed inside the pouch.

Students are being fully briefed on this initiative today via a whole-school presentation, and we trust they will share this news with you this evening. To ensure a smooth transition, we will be providing continuous guidance, assemblies and staff-led support throughout the rollout so that every student feels confident with the new routine before the end of term.

We will share our updated behaviour policy with you in due course, which will clearly outline the expectations and consequences to ensure full engagement with this initiative.

We would like to invite you to a Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 24 June from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to see a demonstration of the QuietCase system firsthand, and for us to answer any questions you may have.

We appreciate your ongoing partnership in maintaining a focused, vibrant and supportive learning environment. By working together, we can ensure that every student at Carisbrooke College has the space to build the confidence, resilience and respect necessary to reach their highest potential in a phone free environment.

Yours faithfully

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