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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our previous communication regarding mobile phone use in school, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who completed the recent feedback form.

We were genuinely overwhelmed by the number of responses received and, in particular, by the strong level of support from parents and carers for greater restrictions on mobile phone use during the school day. Your thoughtful comments and insights have been extremely valuable in helping us shape our next steps.

From your feedback, three key themes consistently emerged:

1. The importance of being able to communicate with your child during the school day where necessary
2. Ensuring that your child feels safe when travelling to and from school
3. The need for clear expectations and consistent consequences should any new system be introduced

After careful consideration of your feedback, alongside Department for Education guidance and best practice from other schools, we have decided to introduce a mobile phone pouch system from September. We believe this is a positive and sensible step forward for our school community.

I would like to reassure you by addressing the three main concerns you highlighted:

- **Communication with school:** We will be installing additional phone lines to make it easier for you to contact reception should you need to get a message to your child during the school day.
- **Safety travelling to and from school:** Students will not be required to place their phones in pouches until the start of the school day and will be able to remove them at the end of the day. This allows continued use on journeys to and from school, helping to ensure their safety and enabling you to stay informed, for example in the event of bus delays.
- **Clear expectations and consistency:** We are currently developing a detailed mobile phone policy to ensure that this system is implemented fairly, consistently, and in a way that supports all students to meet expectations.

We understand that this is a significant change, and we are committed to ensuring that both parents and students feel fully informed and confident about how it will work. Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing further information, including practical details about the system, expectations, and next steps.

Please be assured that communication will remain clear and ongoing so that you and your child know exactly what to expect ahead of September.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Morris
Vice Principal Iceni Secondary Academy

