



## Mobile Phone Agreement - Year 9 Enrichment Week 2026

The School strongly recommends that students **do not** bring their mobile phones/smart devices with them to the Year 9 Enrichment Week trip. Mobile phones can have a negative effect on behaviour and engagement as well as affecting sleep and energy levels as teenagers stay up late on games, the internet and social media.

Parents will only be too aware of the complexities and dangers around online privacy, safety and the use of social media so not having access to a smart phone means that any misunderstandings regarding taking unwanted photos or unkindness online can be avoided. From our significant experience we believe that students fully embrace Enrichment Week if they do not have the distraction of a mobile phone.

All staff will have access to phones for emergency situations and to call home if required.

We understand that long coach journeys can be problematic for some students. Therefore, if students do bring a mobile phone with them for coach journeys the following will apply:

- No photos or recordings (either video or audio) of other pupils or school staff, under any circumstances, can be posted on social media. Any student who is aware of content being published on social media must report this to a member of staff immediately as it is unacceptable.
- Mobile phones are not to be used in the toilets. This is to protect the privacy and welfare of other pupils.
- Mobile phones are not to be used to bully, intimidate or harass anyone. This includes bullying, harassing or intimidating pupils or staff via:
  - email
  - text/messaging app
  - social media
- Students must comply with a request by a member of staff to switch off, or turn over, a phone.
- **Students will be expected to lock their phones away in their phone pouches on arrival at PGL. The pouches will be unlocked by staff for the return journey home.**
- **Please ensure that your child's pouch is clearly labelled with their name.**
- Although they will be locked away, we do not bear any responsibility for phones on the trip. Phones are taken at the student's risk as the school would prefer them not to be taken.

**Students who have to use their phones for medical reasons, e.g. blood sugar monitoring, will be exempt from this but any mobiles not handed in will be confiscated if seen during the week.**

**By allowing your child to bring their phone on the trip you are agreeing to the information in this agreement.**