

# Mobile Phone Lockers at HGSS

This year, HGSS will be using the Hush system to make our school site mobile phone free.

Hush is the UK's leading lockable mobile phone pouch system



# Why should HGSS be mobile phone free ?

In April 2024, the Department for Education issued guidance to schools nationwide to ban mobile phones from schools, with the effective management of this policy to be determined by the school.

To ensure full compliance and enable parent/student contact to and from school we will be introducing the mandatory use of the *Hush Locker* for those wishing to bring their mobile phone to school.

# Why should HGSS mobile phone free ?

## To improve focus & enhance engagement

Smartphones are a major distraction for students. Text messages, social media notifications, and gaming apps can pull students' attention away from lessons, making it harder for them to focus. *Hush Lockers* are designed to lock in phones securely, ensuring that students aren't distracted by their devices during school hours.

## To enhance student well-being

There is growing concern about the mental health impact of constant connectivity. Social media pressures, cyberbullying, and the need to be "always on" can contribute to stress and anxiety. By encouraging the use of *Hush Lockers*, we can provide students with a much-needed break from their devices during the school day. This promotes a healthy balance between screen time and real-world interaction, which is essential for mental well-being.

# How will the system work ?

1. At the school gate students will place their phone in the *Hush Phone Locker*, clip shut and the pouch will remain with the student all day.
2. The locker uses signal blocking technology so will prevent communication with any accessories.
3. Student phone lockers will be checked at line up each day.
4. At the end of the day, upon leaving school students will tap their locker against the unlocking station to remove their mobile phone for the journey home. There will be over 20 unlocking stations and SLT will have portable magnets to facilitate a quick release for all students.