



29 April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to follow up the information sheet you received recently about the exciting SMART mobile phone use pilot, which will be launching at school next week. This is being undertaken in collaboration with Age of Wonder.

As part of this pilot, we are asking for your support in helping your child to prepare ahead of the launch. On the day of the launch, students will be expected to bring their mobile phones to school fully charged and with parental controls removed. The launch days are as follows:

Year 8 - Wednesday 6 May 2026

Year 10 - Thursday 7 May 2026

Year 9 - Friday 8 May 2026

During the launch session, students' phones will be briefly unlocked from their pouches so they can scan a QR code, configure the *One Sec* app and complete a brief survey. Once this process is done, phones will be placed straight back into their pouches in line with our usual procedures.

To support students, we would be grateful if you could please:

- Remove parental controls from their phones (these can be reinstalled after the study)
- Help your child download the *One Sec* app in advance
- Remind them to bring their phone (fully charged) to school on the launch day.

We would also like to make you aware that the BBC will be visiting school on the day of the launch. They will be filming parts of the event and may also speak to a small number of students about their experiences. If you do not wish your child to be filmed or interviewed, please inform the school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support as we trial this world first initiative. We hope it will be a positive and valuable experience for our students.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Garlick".

Rachel Garlick
Head of Secondary