



20 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our recent communication about the school becoming a phone-free environment for students from Monday 1 June, we are writing to provide further information about the optional secure mobile phone storage that will be available for students.

As outlined previously, the school will become a phone-free environment from 8.30am to 3.00pm each day, in line with national guidance. We recognise that, due to travel arrangements and personal circumstances, some families may still wish their child to bring a mobile phone to school. For students who may find it difficult to keep their phone switched off and with them during the day, we are offering the option of using a small, secure, wall-mounted mobile phone locker situated in a central location in the school.

Mobile Phone Lockers

- An example of the type of lockers that will be installed can be found by clicking here: [Phone Locker](#)
- Each locker is designed to safely store one mobile phone during the school day.
- Lockers will be accessed using an individual key issued to the student.
- Use of a locker is entirely optional and based on parental choice.

Cost and Deposit

- There is a £10 refundable deposit for the locker key.
- This is an introductory offer and reflects our current locker pricing. Please note, the cost of lockers is expected to increase from September, so this offer applies only to this initial rollout.

How to Register Interest

- If you think your child would benefit from the use of a mobile phone locker, please complete this short online form: [Register Interest Form](#)
- The deadline for registering your interest is Friday 24 April.
- Completing the form is an expression of interest only and is not binding.

Payment and Key Allocation

- Families who have registered their interest will be invited to pay the £10 refundable deposit via ParentPay.
- The deadline for payment will be Friday 8 May.
- Once payment has been made, students will be issued with their locker key when the new mobile phone rules come into effect on Monday 1 June.

If you have any questions about the lockers, please do not hesitate to contact me: rpearce@sohamvc.org

Thank you for your continued support as we introduce this important change.

Kind regards,

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