



The Chalfonts Community College

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Electronic Device Policy

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Electronic Device Policy

Rationale: The rationale behind this policy is to address the safeguarding risks associated with mobile phones, particularly among individuals under the age of 18. By implementing this policy, we aim to create a secure and conducive learning environment where students can focus on their education without unnecessary distractions.

1. Use of Magnetic Pouches

- Students are required to use magnetic pouches provided by the school to store their mobile phones during school hours.
- Upon arrival, students must unlock their pouches at designated magnet stations in their tutor room/assembly line up/ reception if late and place their phones inside for the duration of the school day.
- Students that have left their pouches at home must go to the Pastoral Hub to leave their phone. This will be collected afterschool.
- Students who don't have a phone may be searched to ensure that they are adhering to our policy.

2. Unlocking of Pouches

- At the end of the day, students must unlock their pouches via their unlocking station in their classroom.
- If students are leaving school early, they must unlock their pouches via reception.

3. Non-Compliance Measures

If a student fails to have their pouch as part of their learning kit, they will be issued with a temporary spare and a centralised detention from their form tutor. If a student's phone is seen in school, there will be an escalation system in place:

- On the first instance, the phone will be kept for 24- 48 hours.
- On the second instance, the phone will be kept for 48 – 72 hours and will require parental collection at the school's convenience.
- On the third instance, the phone will be kept until the end of the half-term and will require parental collection at the school's convenience.

This will reset each half-term. All phones will be kept in a safe. The Behaviour Support Manager/ Assistant Principal will return the phones in agreement with the Year Leader/SLT Link.

4. Refusal to Comply:

- Students who refuse to hand over their phones when requested will face a suspension.
- The phone will be confiscated upon return to the school during a reintegration meeting and the above procedure will occur

5. Safeguarding:

- Parents will still be able to communicate with their children via reception.

6. Other Electronic Devices:

- Smartwatches that have call/text functionality are not permitted and will be confiscated.
- Earpods/headphones are also not permitted and will be confiscated.

7. Mobile Phone Devices from September 2026:

- From September 2026, new cohorts of pupils entering Year 7 should not bring smartphones or smartwatches onto school premises. They should bring a simple, non-internet-enabled phone, which must then be locked in a mobile phone pouch during school hours. This is a shared approach across schools in the area who are working with the organisation Smartphone Free Childhood. The intent is that this policy will apply throughout their time in Years 7–11 so that over time smartphones will be phased out of secondary schools before Year 12.

NB- Students with medical conditions will have access to a Velcro pouch. Medical evidence must be provided to the medical administrator to be administered with one of these.

History

Date	Issue	Status	Comments
September 2024	1	New	
September 2025	2	Update	Use of Magnetic pouches 2 points added Non-compliance timescale amended
September 2026	3	Update	Tweaks to the timings for confiscation New Section 7