



Dear Parent/Carer,

Invitation: Information Evening – New National Guidance on Mobile Phones in Schools

At Etonbury Academy, we have always been proud of our status as a mobile-phone-free school. As you are aware, our use of the "Hush Pouch" system has already led to significant improvements in student focus, social interaction, and overall behaviour.

Following the updated guidance released by the Department for Education (DfE) in January 2026, which comes into full effect this April 2026, there are new national expectations for all schools in England. These changes reinforce the government's stance that schools should be phone-free by default to protect children's wellbeing and learning environments.

We would like to invite you to a virtual Parent Information Evening to discuss how Etonbury Academy is aligning with this new guidance, specifically regarding:

- Implementation from April 2026: How we are updating our current "Hush Pouch" processes to meet the new DfE standards.
- School Trips and Residentials: Clarification on our new policy for mobile phone use during off-site educational visits.
- Ofsted Expectations: Understanding how the school's mobile phone policy will now be a key focus of future inspections.
- Support for Families: How we can work together to manage screen time and digital safety at home.

Event Details:

- Date: Monday, 16th March 2026
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Location: Online Stream <https://meet.google.com/hfa-yaqz-cwa>

We believe that by working closely with our families, we can continue to provide a calm, safe, and focused environment where our students can thrive without the distractions of mobile technology.

We look forward to seeing you there

Yours Sincerely,

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