

## 74\_Email\_Zeeko Phone Blocking System - Mobile Phone Policy - Teacher

### Subject: Enhancing Student Focus – Teacher Support for the Zeeko Phone Blocking System

Dear Teachers,

As part of our commitment to fostering a focused and engaging learning environment, we are introducing the **Zeeko Phone Blocking System** in our school. We recognise the valuable role mobile phones play in students' lives, but we also understand the importance of reducing digital distractions during the school day to support academic achievement and student well-being.

### What is the Zeeko Phone Blocking System?

The Zeeko system provides students with **secure, signal-blocking pouches** in which to store their mobile phones during school hours. This ensures students can keep their phones safely with them, while fully focusing on learning and participation in school life. The magnetic lock system prevents access until the end of the school day, at which point students unlock their pouches at designated stations.

### Benefits for the Classroom Environment

The implementation of this system aims to:

- Eliminate digital distractions and improve concentration in lessons.
- Reduce phone-related disruptions and minimise teacher-student conflict.
- Increase face-to-face engagement among students.
- Support student well-being by promoting a healthier relationship with technology.
- Encourage positive behavioural change and academic performance.

Research shows that banning smartphones during school hours improves academic results and reduces bullying, particularly among female students.

### What We Expect from Students

To make this initiative successful, students are expected to:

- **Place their phones into the Zeeko pouch** upon arrival at school.
- **Keep the pouch on their person** throughout the day (phones remain inaccessible).
- **Unlock pouches at the end of the day** at supervised stations.
- **Respect and follow the mobile phone policy** at all times.

## **How Can Teachers Support This Initiative?**

Your role is crucial in ensuring consistent enforcement and modelling best practice. Here's how you can support:

### **1. Model Behaviour**

Where practical, place your own mobile phone into a Velcro-sealed pouch during class time. This sets a strong example and reinforces the shared commitment to a distraction-free environment.

### **2. Be Consistent**

Students respond well to consistency. Early enforcement of the policy, particularly in the first few weeks, builds a culture of compliance and trust.

### **3. Support with Checks**

Assist with periodic checks of the pouches for:

- Signs of tampering or dummy phones.
- Ensuring students have placed their actual device inside. This can be cross-checked using the school's pouch tracking spreadsheet.

### **4. Promote Positive Reinforcement**

Recognise and commend students who consistently follow the policy. Reinforcement goes a long way in building habits.

### **5. Engage in Training & Dialogue**

Attend briefings and training sessions on the system. Share classroom insights with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to help adapt and improve the implementation.

### **6. Report Issues Early**

Flag any issues (e.g. refusals, damaged pouches, students forgetting their phones) to the designated policy lead. A structured response, including parent contact and possible sanctions, will be in place.

By actively supporting this system, you help create a calmer and more focused classroom, enabling all students to thrive.

If you have any questions or suggestions on how to further improve implementation, please do not hesitate to contact the school leadership team.

Thank you for your continued dedication to student success and well-being.

Best regards,  
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