



12<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Subject: Mobile Phone Pouch Programme – Full School Implementation from Next Academic Year

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Following the successful completion of our two-week phone pouch trial with Year 10 students, we are pleased to inform you that from the start of next academic year, this initiative will be implemented **for all students who bring a mobile phone to school**.

As you are aware, Repton Abu Dhabi is a mobile-free school with a clear and established policy requiring students to keep phones turned off and stored in their bags. However, our experience tells us that even under these guidelines, the attraction and distraction of mobile phones can still impact learning. As part of our continued commitment to student wellbeing, focus, and academic engagement, we are always seeking to strengthen our approach. The recent trial of phone pouches removed this distraction entirely, allowing students to focus solely on their learning and real-world social connections. The results showed a noticeable improvement in student attentiveness, social interaction, and overall classroom focus – aligning closely with our pastoral and academic priorities.

**What This Means:**

From the start of the next academic year, all students who bring a mobile phone to school will be required to use secure phone pouches provided by the school. These tamper-proof, lockable pouches are designed to restrict access to mobile devices during the school day and can only be unlocked at the end of the day. This measure helps to reduce digital distractions and encourage a more connected, focused school environment. The pouches are purchased from the school at a cost of 60 AED.

**Key Details:**

- **Start Date:** Start of the 2025–26 academic year
- **Who:** All students who bring a mobile phone to school

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- **How It Works:**

- Students will bring their phone to school as usual.
- During morning registration, they will place their device into a secure pouch.
- The pouch remains locked in their school bag throughout the day.
- It will be unlocked at designated stations at the end of the school day.

- **Cost:** Each student will be required to purchase a pouch at a cost of AED 60, payable at the start of term. Further details regarding payment will be shared in due course.

We understand that communication and safety are important. Please be assured that students will still be able to contact parents at the end of the school day. In the event of an emergency during school hours, the school will always facilitate immediate contact between students and parents via reception.

Should you have any questions regarding this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the School Leadership Team.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to promote a learning environment that allows every student to thrive.

Your Faithfully,

Steve Lupton  
Principal

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