## What Are Phone Pouches?

Phone pouches are secure, lockable cases that students place their mobile phones into at the start of the school day. The pouch locks magnetically or with a small key system, and students keep the pouch with them but cannot access the phone until the end of the day when it is unlocked.

# How Do They Work?

#### Arrival at School:

Students place their phones in their pouch at the start of the school day.

The pouch is sealed using a magnetic locking device, similar to anti-theft tags used in shops.

### During the Day:

The phone stays in the pouch and the pouch stays with the student (in their bag or pocket). Students cannot access the phone during school hours, preventing distraction or misuse.

# End of the Day:

At the end of the school day, the pouches are unlocked using a base magnet device and students can access their phones again.

#### Are the Phones Safe?

Yes. Students keep their phones with them so they are not left in lockers or handed in. This reduces risk of:

- Theft
- Damage
- Misplacement

## Why Use Phone Pouches?

- 1. Reduce distraction and improve focus
- 2. Prevent misuse (social media, cyberbullying, inappropriate content)
- 3. Encourage face-to-face socialising
- 4. Promote wellbeing, attentiveness and presence
- 5. Help students form healthier phone habits