



11th March 2025

Dear Parents,

Re: Device free school policy - Yondr

We will be making an update to our existing device free school policy to help further improve teaching and learning using a system called [Yondr](#). Yondr has been implemented in thousands of schools across 35 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment. After visiting and speaking to several local schools we are confident Yondr will have a positive impact here as well.

The Yondr Program utilises a simple, secure pouch that stores a phone. Every student will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school. **Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day.** Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day as part of their daily equipment and are responsible for their pouch at all times.

Yondr recently surveyed over 900 school partners to measure the effects of creating phone-free educational environments. These schools achieved notable progress in multiple areas:

- **65% of schools saw an improvement in academic performance**
- **74% of schools saw an improvement in student behavior**
- **83% of schools saw an improvement in student engagement in the classroom**
- **86% of schools saw a positive impact on student safety and wellness**

We aim to implement this on Tuesday April 22nd for years 7 to 10. Our year 11 students will only use them if we need to use them to reduce their phone usage in school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at 01279 770800 or attend one of our upcoming meetings about the adoption of Yondr on **Thursday March 27th, 2025** starting at **17:00**

If there is an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child, please reach out to our student services team at 01279 770800

In an effort to best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in adoption of the Yondr Program at our school.

Thank you,

Mark Fish
Vice Principal

How Yondr Works



As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.



Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.



When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I want to reach my child during the school day?

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. If you need to contact your child during the school day, contact the main office at 01279 770800

What if there is a school emergency?

In case of a school emergency, we direct our students to safety first, following our school emergency preparedness protocol.

Will my student's phone be safe?

Students are in possession of their phone - in their Yondr pouch - for the entire school day. We will advise students to store the pouch safely in their backpacks or blazer pockets.

What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged or a student is caught on their phone?

If a student damages their Pouch or is caught on their phone, we will collect the phone/Pouch and call home. As a result of the move, our Device Free School Policy will be updated.

Damaged pouches will be billed to parents at a cost of £15

Note: Damage consists of any signs that the physical integrity of the pouch has been compromised, whether intentional or unintentional, as determined by the school or Yondr staff.

What happens if a student forgets to open their pouch at the end of the day?

In Yondr's experience, this almost never happens. All students funnel past the unlocking stations at the exits, they want their phones back and don't forget to unlock their pouches.



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If they do arrive home with a phone in a pouch, they can either come back to school to unlock it, or have a phone free evening!

How quick is the unlocking process?

The unlocking process is quick, and takes under a second per student. While students are still getting used to how to unlock pouches, staff will be on hand with mobile unlocking stations to stop queues forming in the first few weeks. If needed we will add extra unlocking points.

