



Policy Document

Alkerden Church of England Academy

Student Phone and Wearable Technology Policy and Guidelines

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Phones are not to be used during school. Every student is assigned a personal Yondr Pouch. It is each student's responsibility to bring their Pouch with them to school every day and keep it in good working condition. All phones and wearable technology products including, smart watches and wireless earphones must be placed in the pouch. Sanctions apply in the same way if these are seen.

Daily Process

Beginning of the Day

Students must bring their Pouch to school with them each day.

1. Students will open their Pouch at a centrally located unlocking station

During registration they will:

2. Turn their phone off.
3. Place their phone inside the Pouch and secure it in front of form tutor
4. Store it in their bag for the day

End of the Day

Students will:

1. Open their pouch
2. Remove their phone
3. Close their Pouch (***Important to stop the pin bending in the bag***)
4. Keep in their school bag overnight

Late Starters or Early Leavers

Students arriving late or leaving early will pouch/unpouch their phones in the Main Office.

Violations

Pouches will be checked to make sure they have not been damaged

Pouch Damage or Lost Pouch

If a student damages or loses their Pouch, we will collect the phone and call home for a Parent pickup. A sanction will be issued, and parents will be required to cover the cost for a replacement Pouch (£17)

Examples of damage include:

- Ripped fabric
- Cut
- Torn
- Bent/cut pin
- Signs of force to black button on flap
- Damage to the black ball
- Pouch opens without unlocking station

Phone seen during School

If a student is found in possession of a phone outside a Yondr pouch, the phone will be confiscated, and sanction will be issued.

Forgotten Pouch

If a student forgets their Pouch, **their phone will be collected, and the office will call home to remind the parent of the policy.** The phone will be returned to the student at dismissal.

If a student consistently forgets their Pouch, it is considered Lost.

Refer to the Lost Pouch section above.



Unlocking Stations

If a student is found in possession of a Yondr unlocking station, or a similar strength magnet used to unlock the pouches, this will be considered a serious offence and could lead to a suspension.

Accidental Damage

Notify the school immediately explaining what happened. If any damage is spotted at a pouch check it will be considered intentional unless the student has raised it previously.

