



Policy Document

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Learner Phone and Wearable Technology Policy and Guidelines

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Phones are not to be used during school. Every learner is assigned a personal Yondr Pouch. The Yondr Pouch is included in our Uniform Policy, and every learner is expected to present their pouch to their form tutor each morning. It is each learner's responsibility to bring their Pouch with them to school every day and keep it in good working condition, this also applies to learners who do not bring their mobile or wearable tech to school. 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

Once on school site Learners must:

1. Turn their phone off.
2. Place their phone inside the Pouch and secure it in front of form tutor
3. Store it in their bag for the day
4. Tutors will check pouches to ensure that the phone is turned off; the Pouch is locked and not damaged.

End of the Day

Learners will:

1. Open their Pouch at a centrally located unlocking station
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

Learners arriving late or leaving early will pouch/un-pouch 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 learner damages their Pouch, we will collect the phone, and damage will be reported to parents. Sanctions may be put in place dependent on circumstances, and parents may be required to cover the cost for a replacement Pouch (£17) from the School Shop on Arbor.

If a learner loses their Pouch, we will collect the phone, and parents will be required to cover the cost for a replacement Pouch (£17) from the School Shop on Arbor.

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 learner 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 learner forgets their Pouch, **their phone will be collected, and the office will call or email home to remind parents of the policy.** Sanctions will be put in place and examples of sanctions set include:

- Behaviour point issued and home made aware.
- Behaviour point issued, home made aware and learner out of break and lunch that day.
- Behaviour point issued, home made aware and Transform after school for 50 minutes.

Learners will need to collect their phones at the end of the day from the school office.

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

Refer to the Lost Pouch section above.

Unlocking Stations

If a learner 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 learner has raised it previously.