

YONDR

PARENT / GUARDIAN PRESENTATION

OUR PHONE-FREE SCHOOL

Our school is proud to be a phone-free site using the Yondr Programme.

Yondr has been implemented across 40+ countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment.

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.



WHY ARE WE PHONE-FREE?

Our students deserve a learning environment where they can be free from the distractions of phones and social media.

We have seen impact in the following areas:

- Student wellbeing
- Classroom engagement
- Social connection
- Internal truancy



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HOW DOES SCREEN TIME IMPACT MY CHILD?

Brain Shrink

Heavy social media usage shrinks areas of the brain linked to memory and focus. *Achterberg et al - 2022

Dopamine Crash

There is a correlation between the amount of hours scrolling and less ability to be able to enjoy real life. *Ying - 2025

Anxiety Trigger

4+ hours a day on screens doubles risk of anxiety and depression in teens. *Leung - 2021

Lonely Scroll

More time spent online is linked to feelings of loneliness. *Zhang et al - 2025

ARRIVAL DEMONSTRATION

- Phone is turned off
- Phone is pouched up under the supervision of a teacher
- Top of the pouch is closed
- Green button is pushed in to secure.





END OF DAY DEMONSTRATION

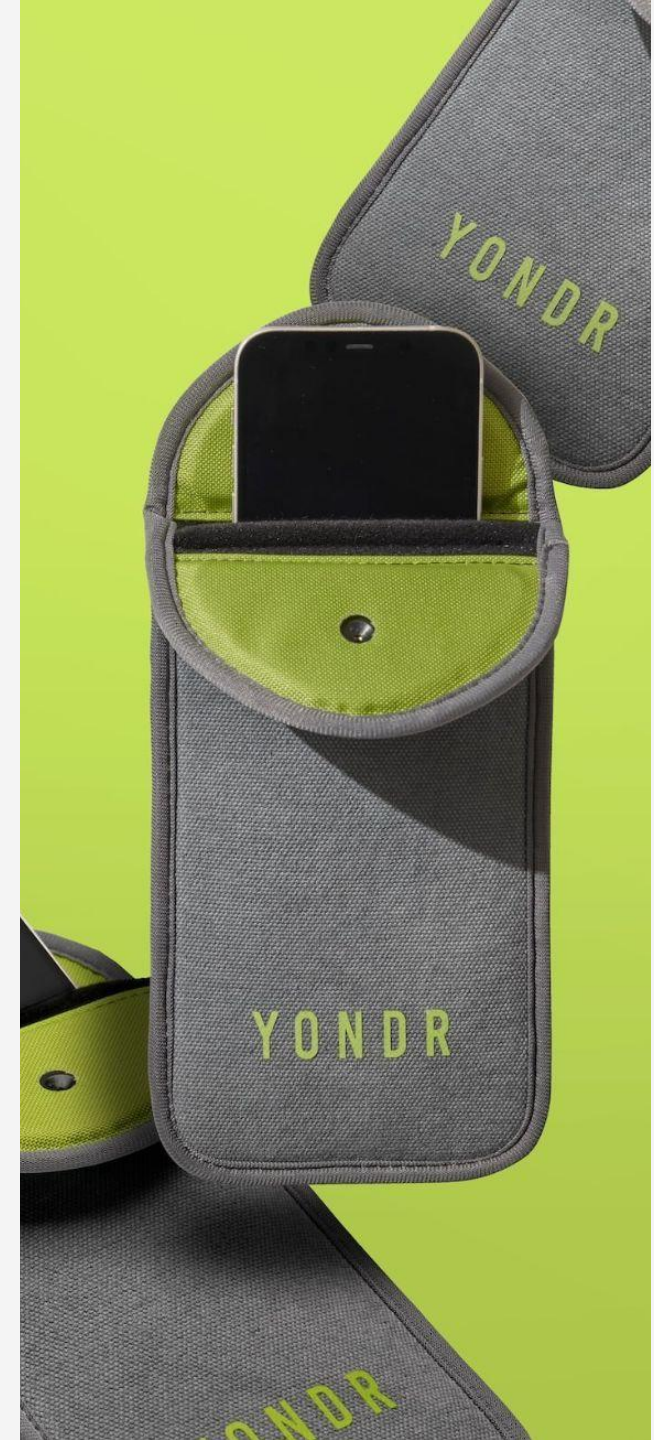
- The pouch is tapped on the unlocking base on the side with the green circular ring.
- As the pouch is tapped the button should be pushed to release the lock.
- Phone is retrieved and the pouch is closed back up to prevent damage.
- Phone is taken home by the student ready for the next school day.

YOUR POUCH

Students will use the pouch throughout their five-year journey with us.

They are a durable, long-term solution that will support your child every day with their learning, concentration and wellbeing.

We are committed to ensuring this is accessible for all of our families and support options will be offered where required.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PROCEDURES

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I NEED TO
REACH MY CHILD DURING THE
SCHOOL DAY?**

We want students to be engaged as much as possible in their learning. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the main office who will take the appropriate action.

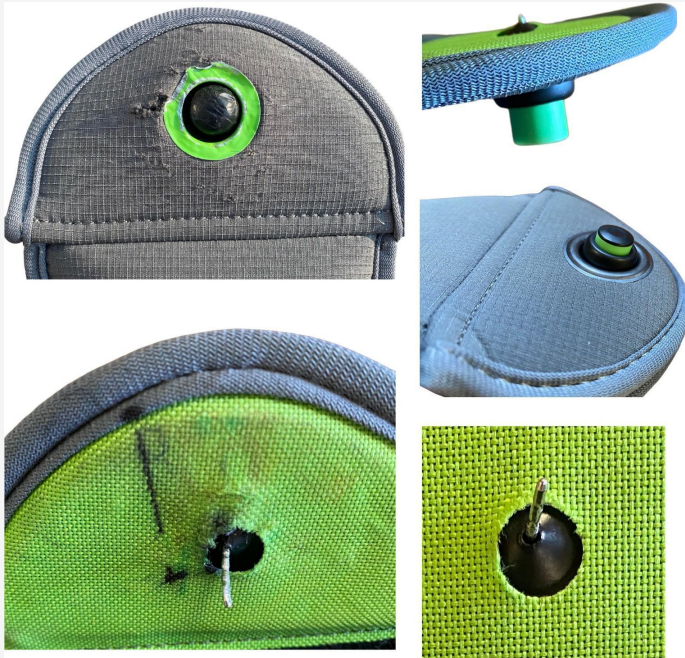
The school is then able to control when this message is passed on to be the least disruptive for your child in class.

PROCEDURES

**WILL MY CHILD'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.

PROCEDURES

**WHAT IF THE POUCH IS
DAMAGED, LOST, OR STOLEN?**

If a student damages or loses their pouch, school staff will collect the phone/pouch and send it to the front office for the remainder of the school day. Intentional damage will result in a sanction and replacement fee.

Examples of damage include:

- Bent pins
- Deep scratches on the plastic globe and the surrounding green ring
- Intentional pen marks on the inside
- Pin and button not fully recessing
- Cut/torn pouches

PROCEDURES

**WHAT HAPPENS IF A
STUDENT UNLOCKS THEIR
POUCH WITHOUT PERMISSION,
DAMAGES IT, OR USES AN
ALTERNATE PHONE?**

Students will be subject to confiscation and a sanction.

Pouch checks are an important part of the Yondr Programme. We want to ensure that students understand that checks can be done at any time.

Students soon understand that it's better to keep phone in pouch rather than risk confiscation or a sanction.

PROCEDURES

**WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT
FORGETS THEIR POUCH?**

If a student forgets their pouch, they must have their phones stored in the office for the school day. The phone will be returned to the student at the end of the day.

If a student consistently forgets their pouch, it will be considered lost. Parents/guardians will be notified, and a replacement pouch will need to be paid for.

PROCEDURES

**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.

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!

PROCEDURES

**WHAT IF THERE IS AN
EMERGENCY AT THE SCHOOL?**

Mobile phones have been shown to cause distraction during emergencies. Students become concerned with texting parents and other peers to find out what is going on rather than listening to the adults who are guiding them through emergency procedures.

If there is a school-wide emergency, staff have access to portable unlocking stations and will support the students in unlocking pouches when it is safe to do so.

THANK YOU

We look forward to seeing the continued positive impact of our phone-free school!

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