



## GENERAL INFORMATION ON YONDR

### WHAT IS YONDR?

Yondr is the name given to the system where students will store their mobile phones in magnetic pouches during the school day.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Every student in school who brings a phone (except Year 12 and Year 13) is given a personal Yondr Pouch. Students will be issued with the pouches on the first day of Term 1 2024-25.

Sixth Form students will be permitted to bring a phone to school but there will be very clear rules about usage.

**Students must bring their pouch to school every day** and put their phones inside the pouch at the start of the school day, supervised by duty staff. They keep the pouch in their bags or lockers.

At the end of the school day, **the student unlocks the pouch** at one of the unlocking stations that are located at various exit points of the main school building. These unlocking stations will be locked during the school day, and supervised at exit.

While the Yondr Pouch is considered school property, it is **each student's responsibility to bring their Pouch with them to school every day** and keep it in good working condition.

Students arriving late or leaving early will pouch/unpouch their phones at the Reception.

**Mobile phones are not to be used during school.**

### Pouch damage

If a student damages their pouch, the student will have to buy a new pouch from the school. Examples of damage: ripped fabric; cut; torn; bent/cut pin; signs of force to unlock button on flap.

### Forgotten pouch

If a student forgets their pouch, **their phone will be collected by the Principal**. The phone will be returned to the parent. If the student consistently forgets their pouch, then it will be considered lost and the student will have to buy a new one from the school.

### If a student is observed using their phone

The phone will be confiscated and held in the Principal's office until the parent or guardian comes to collect it. Repeat offences will result in a suspension.



### 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.

## 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 urgently need to leave a message for your child during the school day, please contact Reception during school hours 08.30 - 16.30 on Tel 0034 971 133 167.

### **What if there is a school emergency?**

In case of a school emergency, we direct our students to safety first, following our school emergency procedures. We would then contact parents via the telephone.

### **Will my child's phone be safe?**

Students remain in possession of their phone, which is placed inside their Yondr pouch for the entire school day. We advise students to store the pouch in their school bags where it is completely safe.

Ideally, especially if your child is transported to school by car, we would request that your child does not even bring their phone into school, as they cannot access it during the school day!

### **What if the Yondr pouch is damaged?**

The Yondr pouch is the property of BIC. If a student damages their pouch, the school will collect the pouch and contact the parents.

*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. The cost of a new pouch would be invoiced to parents.*