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Dear Parents,

Re: Yondr Pouch – Independent Ownership

Following student feedback and the successful introduction of the Yondr system at Weston Secondary School, we are delighted to inform you students have demonstrated key elements of our Weston Way such as pride, respect and independence by take care of their Yondr pouches.

This means that, moving forward, your child will be trusted to **keep and look after their own Yondr pouch** on a daily basis. This decision recognises the maturity and responsibility they have demonstrated since the introduction of the system. 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 and are responsible for their pouch at all times.

Students will continue to enter the school through the front and rear gates. All they will need to do is show that their phone has been switched off and correctly secured inside their Yondr pouch on entry.

As part of this new arrangement, we will collect all pouches at the end of each term for inspection. This allows us to ensure they remain in good working condition and that our phone-free environment continues to run smoothly.

Please note the following important information:

- If a pouch is found to be damaged, a replacement cost of £20.00 will be charged.
- If damage is identified, your child will no longer be trusted to keep their own pouch.
- In this case, they will need to hand their phone in to Reception each morning and collect it again at the end of the school day.
- If a student is found to be in possession of a phone, this will be confiscated and parents contacted to collect. Appropriate sanctions will be implemented as per the schools behaviour policy.

We hope this opportunity encourages students to continue showing responsibility, independence, and respect for our school expectations following the Weston Way.

We recognise there are many students who don't own a mobile phone, for these we will be issuing them with a laminated card which they must always carry on them in school for checking.

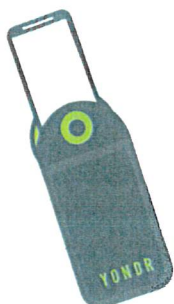
Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to create a calm, focused and positive learning environment for all students. We have included some FAQs in this letter which you may find useful. Our Student Mobile Phone Policy is also available on our website [here](#).

Yours sincerely,



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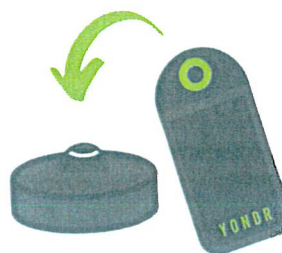
How Yondr Works



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

Question	Answer
What if I need to get a message to my child during the day?	Should you need to get a message to your child during the day, please contact main reception on 02380 447820. The message will then be passed to your child. We kindly ask that this is reserved for emergency situations.
What if my child needs to contact me during the day?	Should your child need to contact you during the day, in an emergency, staff at main reception will support with calling home. The pastoral team can also support with communication.
What if my child doesn't have a phone?	We will issue students with a laminated card detailing they don't have a phone, students must carry this card on them at all times to be shown during spot checks.
What if my child forgets their pouch?	Students will hand in their phones in to reception where their mobile phones will be kept securely in a locked cupboard, the student can collect their phone from reception at the end of the day.
What if my child forgets their phone and pouch?	Students will be wanded at the entry gates by school staff and will be given a temporary day pass which needs to be handed back in at the exit gates when leaving.
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 school bags or jackets.

What if my child stays at an after-school club?	All students who attend after school club will un-pouch their phone at the end of the school day and then attend their club as usual.
What if my child attends breakfast club?	Breakfast club will take place in the gym. Students who arrive onsite will be directed there. At 8am all students at breakfast club will pouch their phones and then head out to roll call as usual.
What if the pouch is damaged or my child is caught on their phone?	Students have been advised to check their pouch on collection to ensure it is in full working order. If damage is spotted during a spot check it will be considered intentional unless the student has raised the issue previously. If a student damages their pouch or is caught on their phone, the phone/Pouch will be confiscated by a member of staff and call home: ● The Parent will come to the school and pick up their child's phone ● The student will be sanctioned accordingly in line with the behaviour policy. Persistent breaches to the mobile phone policy may incur a higher level sanction. Damage consists of any signs that the physical integrity of the pouch has been compromised, whether intentional or unintentional, as determined by the school staff. It is the student's responsibility to alert staff at this point of any damage. Damaged pouches will be billed to parents at a cost of £20.00. Further information can be found in our mobile phone policy.
What if my child refuses to pouch their phone?	Should a student refuse to pouch their phone, the phone will be confiscated and handed to main reception. Parents will be required to collect the phone. Should a student refuse to hand over the phone we will follow the behaviour systems in place. This may result in SLT supervision or another high level sanction.
What if my child arrives late to school?	It is very important that all students arrive to school on time. Should your child be late before 8:50am they will sign in via the late gate and pouch their phone. Should your child arrive after 8:50am they will pouch their phone in main reception.

What if my child needs to sign out before the end of the day?	Students who need to sign out from school will go to reception as usual. Staff at reception will support with un-pouching the phone so they can take it home.
What happens if my child forgets to un-pouch their phone	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 (during school opening hours) 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. We have installed additional unlocking points around the school exits.