

Student phone policy and guidelines

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.

Daily Process

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

Beginning of the day

As students arrive to school they will:

1. Turn their phone off.
2. Open their Yondr Pouch by tapping against the Unlocking Base.
3. Place their phone inside the Pouch and secure it before being checked by school staff.
4. Store it in their backpack 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 reception.

Exceptions

There may be rare exceptions to using Yondr pouches. This could be for many reasons but may include medical, for example diabetic blood glucose monitoring. Cowes Enterprise College will be open to discussing individual student circumstances which means the standard Yondr pouches are not suitable for student needs.

Violations

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

Pouch Damage and Loss

If a student damages their pouch deliberately we will confiscate their phone, call home and parents will liable for the cost of a replacement. This will also attract a very serious sanction.

- The cost of a replacement pouch is £25

Examples of damage:

- 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 a serious sanction issued which may include an external suspension.

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 stored in the safe and returned to the student at dismissal.

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

Refer to the Pouch damage 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

A student or parent must 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.