



Wadham School

Mobile Phone Policy and Procedures

Who is Responsible?	Governing Body
Statutory Policy?	Yes
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Signed:

Print:

Role:

Date:

Vision

'Life in all its fullness'

John 10:10

Values

- F Friendship**
Building positive, trusting relationships is at the heart of everything we do.
- A Aspiration**
Enabling everyone to see and become the best version of themselves.
- I Inclusion**
Everyone is invited, and everyone is expected to be part of our community.
- T Trust**
Without trust there is no growth.
Trust enables everyone to thrive.
- H Hard Work**
Doing what is right, rather than what is easy.



Expectation

At Wadham School, we want our young people to be **independent** of thought, **confident** in developing their skills and knowledge, **committed** to the well-being of others, **sensitive** to and **tolerant** of difference and have a sense of their own **worth**.



Rationale

At Wadham School, we're committed to creating a learning environment where every student can thrive. Our students are growing up in an increasingly complex world, living their lives on and offline. This presents many exciting opportunities – but also academic, emotional and social challenges.

Our goal is to promote a focused and distraction-free learning environment whilst encouraging responsible use of technology.

We believe that every student deserves the chance to experience a phone-free education and 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.

Expectations

Wadham School is a mobile-phone-free environment. Students must have their mobile phones secured in the school-issued Yondr pouch, or their exemption card ready to display, for the duration of the school day.

Arrival at School

- On or before arrival at the school gate, students must lock their mobile phone into their pouch.
- Students must show a member of staff that the pouch is securely locked.
- Unlocking stations can be used to first unlock the pouch if necessary.

Students Without Mobile Phones

- Students who do not bring a mobile phone to school will be issued with an exemption card.
- This card must be carried by the student at all times during the school day.

Monitoring and Compliance

- A log of all students' mobile phone types will be maintained by the school;
- Students are responsible for ensuring the log is updated if their mobile phone changes.
- Random checks will be carried out to ensure compliance with this policy.

School Trips

- Day Trips: The same mobile phone rules apply during school day trips.
- Phones must remain secured in their pouches.
- Residential Trips: Students are expected to store their mobile phones in Yondr pouches. Students will be provided with designated times when pouches can be unlocked to allow them to make phone calls home.

Exceptions

- Pupils that require their mobile phone for medical reasons will be issued with a Medical Mobile Phone Yondr pouch, this will allow them to continue to use their mobile for medical reasons.

Sanctions

- Any mobile phone found other than in a locked pouch will be deemed a banned item.
- Any student who refuses to lock their phone in the pouch, or who is found with an additional mobile phone, will be sanctioned in line with our behaviour policy.

Daily Process

Students must bring their Pouch to school with them each 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 in front of school staff.
- 4) Store it in their school bag for the day.

As students leave school they will:

- 1) Use one of the unlocking stations to open their Pouch
- 2) Remove their phone.
- 3) Close their Pouch. (Important to stop the pin bending in the bag)
- 4) Keep the Pouch in their school bag overnight.

Late Starters or Early Leavers

Staff in Reception will have an unlocking device for students arriving late or leaving early.

Deliberate Damage/ Breaches

Pouches will be checked daily to make sure they have not been damaged; there will also be random checks to school property carried out across the year.

Pouch Damage

Any attempt to tamper with the Yondr system, including use or possession of high-strength magnets will be treated as a serious offence, potentially resulting in a replacement fee of £20, confiscation of their mobile phone until collected by a parent and a sanction in line with our behaviour policy.

Please note that phone will not be returned directly to the student as this can compromise our mobile phone free school environment.

As the provided pouch is school property, any deliberate damage caused to the Yondr Pouch is categorised as vandalism.

A sanction will be issued in-line with our behaviour policy which may include:

- Internal Suspension
- External Suspension
- Off Site Direction

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
- Graffiti

Accidental Damage

Notify the school immediately, explaining what has happened. If any damage is spotted at a pouch check it will be considered intentional unless the student has raised it previously.

Phone seen during the school day

If a student is found in possession of a phone outside of a locked Yondr pouch, the phone will be confiscated, and a sanction will be issued in-line with our behaviour policy. If a student refuses confiscation, then this will be escalated further in-line with the behaviour policy.

Bag checks may be conducted if staff are concerned that a student has a mobile phone on them that hasn't been placed in their pouch.

"I haven't got my phone today"

If a student arrives to school and says they have left their phone at home, staff will make a note. Bag checks may be conducted if staff are concerned that a student may have a mobile phone on them.

Forgotten Pouch

The student's phone will be collected and securely stored in Reception until the end of the day. Parents/ carers will be contacted and reminded of the procedures.

If the pouch is repeatedly forgotten their pouch will be treated as lost and a **replacement fee of £20** will be charged. We suggest that students leave the pouches in their school bags when not at school.

Lost Pouch

If a student consistently forgets their Pouch, it is considered Lost and a **replacement fee of £20** will be charged. We suggest that students leave the pouches in their school bags when not at school.

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 breach and could lead to a suspension.