

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mobile Phone Policy and Introduction of the Yondr Phone Pouch System

As part of Sheldon School's commitment to a calm, focused and inclusive learning environment, we are writing to confirm our mobile-free school policy and to explain the introduction of the Yondr phone pouch system for students in Years 7–10.

This approach is informed by Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2025 and supports safeguarding, student wellbeing, and positive behaviour for learning across the school day. The link to the full policy is [here](#).

Introduction of the Yondr Phone Pouch System

On Monday 1st June, all students in Years 7–10 will be issued with a personal Yondr phone pouch. From Tuesday 2nd June, the Yondr pouch system will be fully operational from the start of the school day. From this point onwards, mobile phones and wearable technology (including smartwatches, AirPods and earbuds) will not be accessible to students during the school day.

What Students Must Do Each Morning

If a student brings a mobile phone to school, they must switch the device off, place the phone and any wearable technology into their Yondr pouch, lock the pouch at the school entrance in front of staff, and store the locked pouch in their bag for the duration of the school day.

Students are not permitted to enter the school site until this process has been completed.

Students Who Do Not Bring a Mobile Phone

We recognise that some students do not bring a mobile phone to school. Parents and carers of students who will not bring a phone must complete the No Phone Declaration Form using the link below:

[No Mobile Phone - Declaration Form – Fill in form](#)

Once approved:

- The student will be issued with a No Phone Pass
- This pass must be shown to staff at the gate and placed on the desk during tutor time

Please note that if a student who has a No Phone Pass is later found to have brought a mobile phone onto site, this will be treated as a serious breach of the policy.

Physical Medical and Hearing Impairment Exceptions

Very limited exceptions are permitted where a student requires immediate access to a phone for a diagnosed physical medical condition or a diagnosed hearing impairment that necessitates monitoring, assistive technology, or urgent communication.

Parents and carers must ensure the school has up-to-date information by completing the Medical and Hearing Impairment Exception Form using the link below:

[Medical Needs - Declaration Form – Fill in form](#)

Approved students will be issued with a Velcro-sealed Yondr pouch, allowing appropriate access in line with medical need.

Mental health, anxiety-related, emotional wellbeing or pastoral reasons do not qualify for an exemption. There are no other exceptions to this policy.

Key Information for Parents and Carers

Sheldon School is a mobile-free school for students in Years 7–10.

Phones and wearable technology must not be used or visible on site at any time.

All escalation pathways, consequences, and sanctions for breaches of the policy are clearly set out in the numbered policy document, including responses to forgotten pouches, refusal to comply, deliberate damage, dummy phones, and misuse of devices.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to read the full policy carefully.

Contacting Students During the School Day

If you need to pass an urgent message to your child, or in the event of an emergency, parents and carers should contact Main Reception.

Students who need to contact home during the school day will be supported by their Year Team Office or Main Reception, ensuring communication remains safe, appropriate and supervised.

Sixth Form Students

Sixth Form students are not included in the Yondr pouch system. They are permitted to use mobile devices only in designated Sixth Form areas, in line with the published policy.

Schools that have introduced the Yondr system consistently report improved focus, better social interaction, and calmer learning environments. We appreciate your support in implementing this important change.

If you have questions after reviewing the full policy, please contact the school via Main Reception.

Yours faithfully,

Senior Leadership Team
Sheldon School