

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 that phone pouches will be issued to Year 7 students on Thursday 3rd September.

This approach is informed by Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026 and supports safeguarding, student wellbeing and positive behaviour for learning across 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 still be issued with a Pouch – but will have a green name card - indicating that they do not have a phone, this should be shown in the same way at the gates, and the pouch placed on desks 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.

Please be assured that we will work with students to support them in navigating this new system. We understand that students may forget from time to time and will be mindful of the short term.

A link to the full phone policy is here:

<https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/assets/Documents/Policies/Student-Phone-Policy-Sheldon-School.pdf>

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 7–11.

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.

Yours faithfully,

Leadership Team
Sheldon School