

# YONDR

## PARENT PRESENTATIONS

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 17:00
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 17:00
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 17:00

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## OUR PHONE-FREE SCHOOL

From September, our school will be using Yondr pouches to make our site phone-free.

Every student will be assigned a personal Yondr pouch and required to use it whilst at school. The Yondr pouch is considered school property, but it is your responsibility to bring your pouch with you to school every day and keep it in good working condition.





# Today we are discussing...



1 - Why are we going phone-free?

2 - What is YONDR?

3 - How will it work?

4 - FAQs





How many hours  
does the average  
adult spend on their  
phone each day?

5 hours





How many hours  
does a teenager  
spend on their  
phone each day?

7+ hours





How many years  
of your life will  
you spend on your  
phone?

22 years





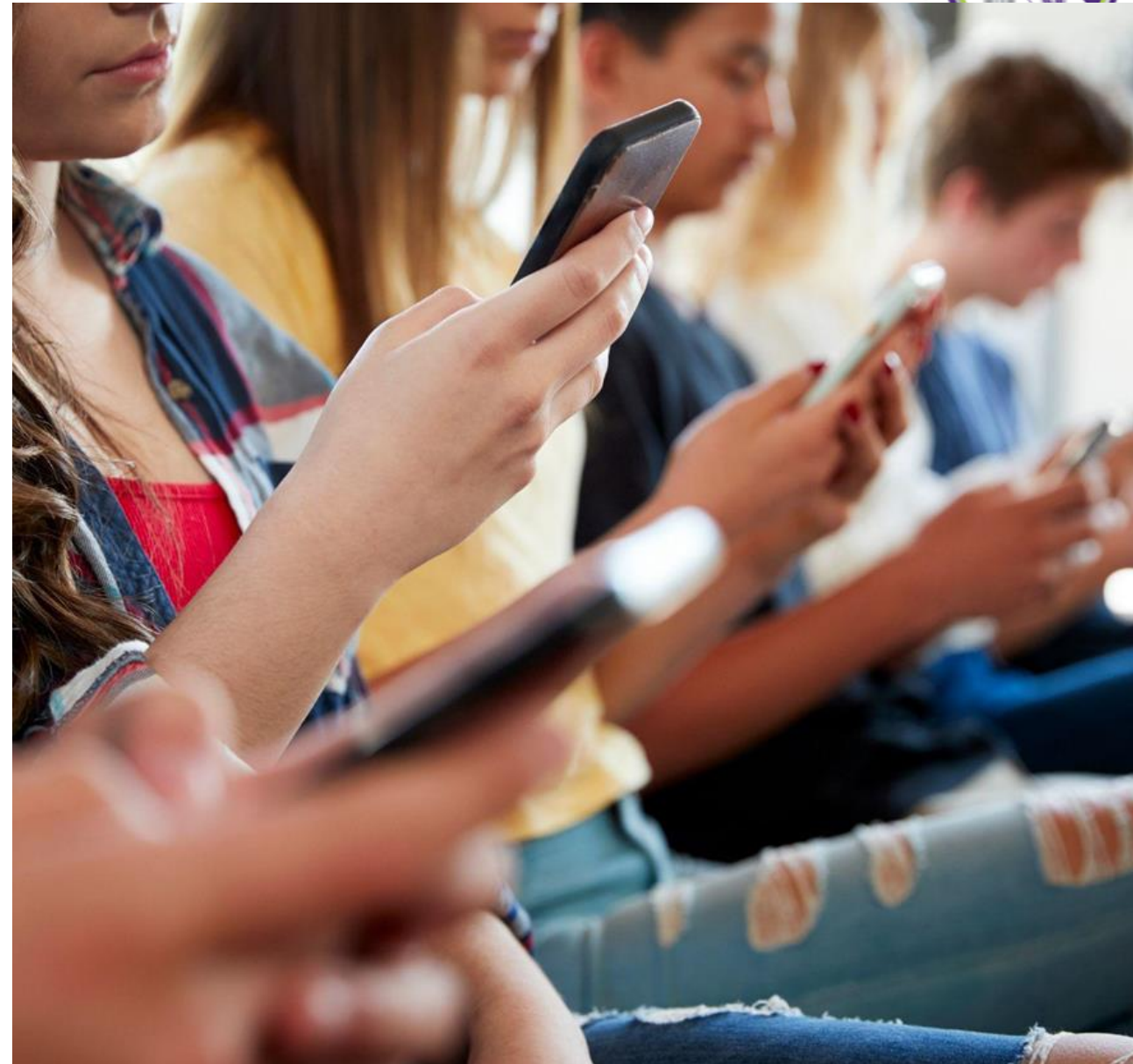


## Why are we going phone-free?

Students deserve a learning environment where they can thrive, free from the distractions of phones and social media.

Yondr schools report dramatic improvements in student wellbeing, academic performance, classroom engagement, and social connection.

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# ARRIVAL DEMONSTRATION

- Open your Yondr pouch at an unlocking station.
- Turn phone off or onto airplane mode.
- Slide phone into pouch.
- Close the top of the pouch.
- Press the green push-pin button to secure.
- Show closed pouch to a member of staff and then place in your bag.



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## END OF DAY DEMONSTRATION

- Tap the side with the green circular ring to the unlocking base.
- As you tap the pouch on the base, push the button to release the lock.
- Retrieve your phone and close the pouch back up.
- Take your pouch with you for the following school day.



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# Schools who have implemented YONDR say:

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After 18 months, the school is transformed. Students are more respectful, becoming better learners and becoming more resilient.

— Jayne McLaren, The Hurst School

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We no longer have any in school cyber bullying

— Russell Stevens, John Hanson

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Transformational. It has changed the school... There is so much more noise but it's good noise. It's the sound of students talking to each other instead of looking at phones.

— Damian McBeath, John Wallis Academy



# YONDR student testimonials:

“ You can really tell the difference now. I’m **concentrating way more in school and my grades have gone up**. Lunchtime is a lot better, because you’re talking to your friends more, instead of just going on your phone. There’s no social media impacting things, and most of the drama comes from social media. **Now there’s not much drama, but there’s still lots to talk about.**

— Lara Daris, Student,  
St Raphaela's Secondary School

“ It will be good to put my phone aside and not be distracted at all.  
— Charlotte, Student, Victoria College

“ It didn’t even take me a week to get used to it, it’s so much better. At lunchtime now we all talk to each other, and no one is on their phone

— Student, Pobalscoil Chorca  
Dhuibhne, Ireland

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What happens if I  
need to reach my child  
during the day?

We want students to be engaged as much as possible in their learning. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the main office who will take the appropriate action.

The school are then able to control when this message is passed on to be the least disruptive for your child in class.

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Will my child's phone  
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 backpacks.

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## What if the pouch is damaged, lost, or stolen?



If a student damages or loses their pouch, school staff will collect the phone/pouch and send it to the front office for the remainder of the school day. The student will be charged a £20 replacement fee.

Examples of damage include:

- Bent pins
- Deep scratches on the plastic globe and the surrounding green ring
- Intentional pen marks on the inside
- Pin and button not fully recessing
- Cut/torn pouch



What happens if a student unlocks their pouch without permission, damages it, or uses an alternate phone?

Students will be subject to confiscation and disciplinary action.

Pouch checks are an important part of the Yondr programme. We want to ensure that students understand that checks can be done at any time.

Students soon understand that it's better to keep phone in pouch rather than risk confiscation or disciplinary action





## What happens if a student forgets their pouch?

If a student forgets their pouch, they will have their phone taken off them and stored in the Main Office for the day. The phone will be returned to the student at the end of the day.

If a student consistently forgets their pouch, it will be considered lost. Parents/guardians will be notified, and a replacement pouch will need to be paid for at a cost of £20.



What happens if a student forgets to open their pouch at the end of the day?

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 it or have a phone free evening!

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# ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

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