



The
Birkenhead Park
School

Mobile Phone Policy



The Birkenhead Park School is a phone free school and uses a system called Yondr.

This policy also aims to address some of the challenges posed by mobile phone usage in school, such as:

- Risks to child protection
- Data protection issues
- Potential for lesson disruption
- Appropriate use of technology in the classroom

How it works

- Students are given a secure Yondr pouch to keep their phone in during the school day .
- Upon arrival students put their phone into their Yondr pouch and lock it.
- Students keep their locked Yondr pouch in their school backpack throughout the school day.
- At the end of the school day, students unlock their Yondr pouch as they exit the school premises, and have full access to their phone.
- Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day, and are responsible for their pouch at all times.
- If a pouch is lost or damaged, there will be a replacement charge of £25 to the parent/carers.

Should a student be found to be using their mobile phone during the school day, their phone will be confiscated and stored securely until the end of the school day. **Students will receive a negative behaviour point and a one hour, after-school detention.** Phones are to be collected after completion of the detention.

Students who forget their Yondr pouch must hand their phone to a member of staff upon arrival at school. Their phone will be stored securely for the school day and can be collected at 3.20pm.

Persistent non-compliance of the above will result in a student receiving a fixed term exclusion, and progressing through our school's behaviour stage process.

Appendix 1

Department for Education - Mobile phones in schools

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65cf5f2a4239310011b7b916/Mobile_phones_in_schools_guidance.pdf