



## RE: Mobile Phone Expectations – Yondr Pouches

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the national direction from the Secretary of State requiring all schools to be mobile phone-free throughout the school day, we are strengthening our procedures to ensure full compliance and to protect learning, behaviour, and wellbeing across the school.

From Monday 23 February 2026, all mobile phones must be switched off, placed inside the Yondr pouch, and locked on arrival. Form Tutor slides will begin preparing students over the next week for this to happen.

Please note that ear pods, headphones and phones must not be visible at any point when students enter the school site.

### Summary Checklist - Daily expectations

- Phones must be **switched off and locked** in the Yondr pouch immediately on arrival.
- **Ear pods and headphones must be put away** before students enter the gates.
- Students must bring their pouch every day; it is part of school equipment.
- Only those with opt letter signed by parents who are choosing not to bring phones onto school site will be accepted. We appreciate a very small percentage of students may not own a phone; therefore, all other students will be presumed to have a mobile phone on them.
- **Form Tutors and Year Teams will conduct regular checks** during form time and assemblies to ensure compliance. On occasion, we may use the 'wand' – Garrett Super Scanner

If a student is found with a phone, ear pods, or headphones visible, or **refuses to lock their phone there will be sanctions to include the need for parents to come into school to collect confiscated items**. If a student forgets their pouch, their phone will be **confiscated** until the end of the day if they hand it in on arrival to school.

Communication during the school day – Students will not have access to their phones. If you need to contact your child urgently, please call **01902 558420** and we will ensure immediate support.

**Yondr pouch concerns** – If your child has any difficulty with their pouch — damage, loss, or any barrier to using it — please contact your child's Head of Year as soon as possible so we can resolve it quickly.

### Costs

- First pouch: **free**
- Lost or damaged pouch: **£15** replacement – use of ParentPay

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring Colton Hills remains a calm, focused and safe environment for every student. Please discuss these strengthened expectations with your child so they arrive ready each day.