



Redborne Upper School

Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy

This policy will be evaluated and reviewed every three years by the Assistant Headteacher responsible for Pastoral: Respect & Responsibility (James Trapp)

This policy is available on the school website, on request to parents and carers, the LA and Ofsted through the Head teacher.

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School acknowledgement

The purpose of this policy is to create a safe, focused, and effective learning environment at Redborne Upper School by limiting the use of smartphones and other electronic devices during school hours.

We aim to ensure that students remain fully engaged in their education, protect their well-being, and foster positive social interactions without the distraction of personal technology.

To support an environment conducive to learning, Redborne Upper School will implement the use of Yondr pouches to temporarily secure smartphones and other personal electronic devices during school hours. These pouches will prevent students from accessing their devices throughout the school day and will ensure that devices do not disrupt lessons, exams, or extracurricular activities.

This policy applies to all students in years 9-11 at Redborne Upper School during school hours, from the beginning of the school day until the final bell. The Sixth Form team may choose to use Yondr pouches with students whose phone use is problematic or disruptive and other measures have proven ineffective.

Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy

1. Yondr Pouches

1.1 All students will be required to place their smartphones, earpods, smartwatches, or other similar devices into a Yondr pouch upon arrival at school.

1.2 These pouches will be unlocked at the entrance, but all devices must be stowed within the pouch by the 8:40am registration bell. Students will carry the pouch with them throughout the day and then unlock the pouch as they exit the site at 3:10pm.

1.3 Students will not be permitted to open the Yondr pouches until the end of the school day, ensuring that they are not distracted by their devices during class or break times.

1.4 Any device required for medical, safety, or special educational needs purposes will be handled on a case-by-case basis, with prior arrangements made with the school.

1.5 While not necessary to place in a pouch, MP3 players or similar devices are not permitted, even if they do not have smart capabilities.

2. Exceptions

2.1 Devices will only be allowed outside of the Yondr pouches in specific circumstances such as:

- Medical needs, as arranged with the school nurse or administration e.g. diabetic students' devices will be placed in a velcro pouch.
- Teachers' explicit permission during lessons for educational purposes. In this case, devices must be returned to the pouch at the end of the lesson

2.2 For educational visits, phones will be permitted on the coaches whilst travelling to and from the school.

2.3 Whilst on an educational visit, the use of a phone will be at the discretion of the trip leader and will be shared in the letter home.

3. Sanctions for non-compliance

3.1 Students who are found with their devices outside the Yondr pouches after the bell for the start of registration, or before the bell for the end of the day will face disciplinary action as outlined below in 3.3.

3.2 Students with medical exemptions, using their device for purposes other than

those agreed with the school, will also face the disciplinary actions outlined in 3.3

3.3 As with other sanctions outlined in the behaviour policy, the sanction put in place increases in response to continued failure to follow the school rules.

- First offence - phone confiscation and detention issued.
- Second offence - phone confiscation and a day in BASE plus detention.
- Third offence - suspension from school.

3.4 Repeated other offences - further suspensions, further restrictions on phone use to be agreed with parents such as an agreement to leave the phone at home, or agreed daily searches and pouch checks.

3.5 Where a device has been confiscated, it will be returned on completion of the detention at the end of the day.

3.6 If the detention cannot be completed that day, then it will be sat at the first opportunity. However, the phone must be handed to BASE staff at the start of the school day and kept until completion of the detention.

3.7 It is the responsibility of all staff to enforce the no phone rules by confiscating devices when they are seen.

3.8 Damage to the pouch, or loss of a pouch will result in the student being charged for a replacement. If the damage is deliberate, there may also be a sanction imposed.

4. Communication

4.1 The policy will be placed in the 'Policies' section of the website (following governor approval) where it can be viewed by all stakeholders.

4.2 All members of staff have received training on how to use and enforce the Yondr pouch system effectively. This training is given to new staff through the staff induction process.

4.3 Students will be educated about the importance of limiting phone and device use during the school day through assemblies and the Pastoral Programme.