



Yondr Mobile Phone Policy 2025/26

St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School

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Use of Mobile Phones by Students in years 7-10:

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College operates a mobile phone-free environment between 8:30am and 3:00pm. While students are permitted to bring mobile phones and smart watches to school, it is the students' responsibility to ensure that their device is **switched off** and **securely stored in a Yondr pouch** at the start of the school day during tutor time at 8:30am.

Each student is responsible for bringing their Yondr pouch to school daily and for maintaining it in good working condition. Students are allowed to carry the locked pouch on their person throughout the school day. Tutors will conduct a daily pouch check each morning, during which students will be required to demonstrate that their phone is properly secured in their locked Yondr pouch.

Students who do not have a mobile phone are not required to purchase or carry a Yondr pouch. However, parents must notify the school by completing the [no mobile phone - Declaration Form](#) confirming that their child will not be bringing a mobile phone onto school premises. At the end of the school day, students will be able to use one of the 8 magnets positioned around the school site to unlock their phone. These magnets will not be accessible until 3:00pm. If a student needs to leave the site before the end of the day, portable unlocking stations are available at Student Services and other designated locations.

Please find below the St Richard Reynolds mobile phone routine for students:

1. At the start of registration students will switch their phone off and put it in their Yondr pouch, before locking the Yondr pouch in front of their form tutor.
2. At the end of the school day, students will be able to unlock their Yondr pouch and take out their mobile phone via one of the 16 magnets positioned around the school. They should then close their Yondr pouch and place this into their school bag ready for the next day.
3. Whilst these rules apply to all students in years 7 - 10, year 11 students must continue to keep their phone switched off and not be seen in accordance with the existing [mobile phone policy](#). Sixth Form students are allowed to have their mobile phones out in the SFSR, SFSS and LRC only. They are not allowed to have them visible anywhere else on the school site unless authorised by a member of staff. If a sixth form student is seen using their mobile phone at any point during the school day other than in the SFSR, SFSS and LRC, they will receive a sanction.
4. Additionally, students with medical needs will be able to use a velcro Yondr pouch, which can only be opened in emergencies and with the permission of a staff member. For example, to check glucose levels, if a student has diabetes.

5. St Richard Reynolds recognises that on occasions students may need to contact a family member in an emergency. If this is the case, they should go to either Student Services or speak to a member of the pastoral team (Progress Leader, Assistant Progress Leader or head of stage) and if necessary, will be allowed to use a phone to contact their family. If a parent or carer needs to speak to their child due to an emergency during the school day then it must be via the school Reception, who will ensure that your child receives the message.

Failure to follow the high school's mobile phone policy:

To ensure the success of our mobile phone-free environment, the following procedures and sanctions apply when expectations are not met.

Example	Possible response
Pouch damaged or lost pouch Examples of damage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ripped fabric - Torn / cut - Bent pin - Signs of force to black button or flap - Damage to the black ball - Pouch opens without unlocking station 	Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents/carers or students must inform the student's Progress Leader immediately. ● A replacement pouch must be purchased by parent/carers at a cost of £20 via the School Shop. ● Until a new pouch is obtained, the student must place their mobile phone in a phone locking station at Student Services each morning and collect it at the end of the school day. Sanctions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accidental damage will not be sanctioned. ● If the damage is intentional or the incident is repeated, the student may sit a 60-minute after-school detention, internal exclusion, Off-Site Provision or suspension, depending on the severity and frequency.
Forgotten pouch at home	Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The student must place their mobile phone in the phone locking station at Student Services and collect it at the end of the school day. Sanction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A 15-minute detention will be issued. ● Repeated failure to bring the pouch will result in escalating sanctions, including longer detentions or internal exclusion.
Phone is seen during the school day not in Yondr pouch	First Breach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phone is confiscated and returned to the student at 3:30pm. ● A 60-minute pastoral detention (Friday after school) will be issued. ● Parents will be informed. Second Breach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phone is confiscated and returned at 3:30pm. ● The student will receive an internal exclusion until

	<p>4pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents will be informed. <p>Third Breach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phone is confiscated and returned at 3:30pm. ● The student will receive an Off-Site Provision Placement. <p>Fourth Breach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phone is confiscated and returned at 3:30pm. ● The student will receive a suspension.
In possession of an unlocking station (magnet)	<p>Sanction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Immediate off-site provision due to serious breach of College policy. ● Repeated breaches of this nature will lead to a suspension. ● Parents/ carers will be informed.
In possession of a phone when parents/carers have signed a Declaration Form to say they will have no phone on-site.	<p>Sanction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phone is confiscated and returned to the student at 3:30pm. ● A 60-minute pastoral detention (Friday after school) will be issued. ● Parents will be informed. ● Repeated behaviour will lead to an escalated sanction.

Please be advised that if the College has reason to believe a student may have breached the mobile phone policy, a routine check of the student's bag and blazer may be carried out. As part of this process, students may also be asked to unlock their Yondr pouch. Refusal to comply with these procedures will result in a sanction.

Additionally, in situations where there is a safeguarding concern, and the Pastoral and Safeguarding Team determine it is necessary to inspect a student's phone, the student will be required to remove their device from the Yondr pouch.