

# YONDR



**FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL**  
**PARENT / GUARDIAN PRESENTATION**

## OUR PHONE-FREE SCHOOL

From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June (when we return after Half Term for Term 6), Furze Platt will be using Yondr Program to make our school phone-free.

We will be using a system called Yondr which has been implemented across 35 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment.

Every student will be assigned a personal Yondr Pouch. While the Yondr Pouch is considered school property, it is each student's responsibility to bring their pouch with them 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 - RESULTS**

**5 - 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**

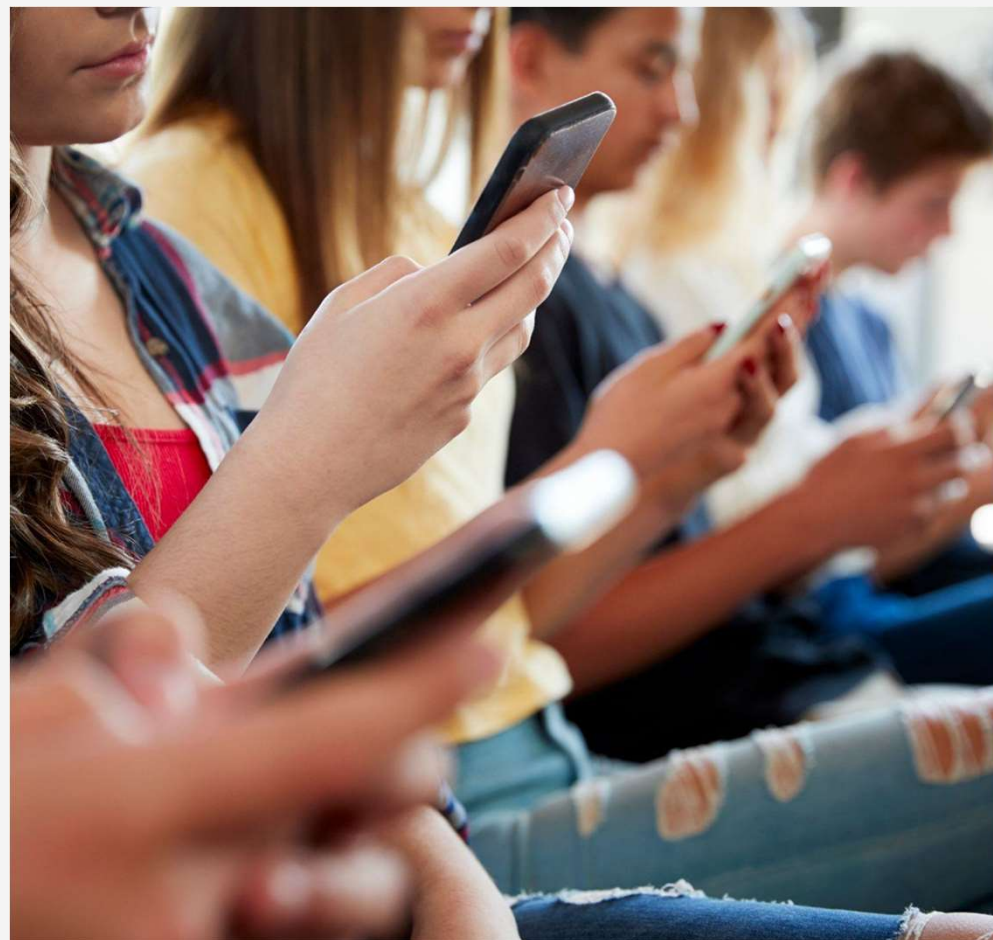




## WHY ARE WE GOING PHONE-FREE?

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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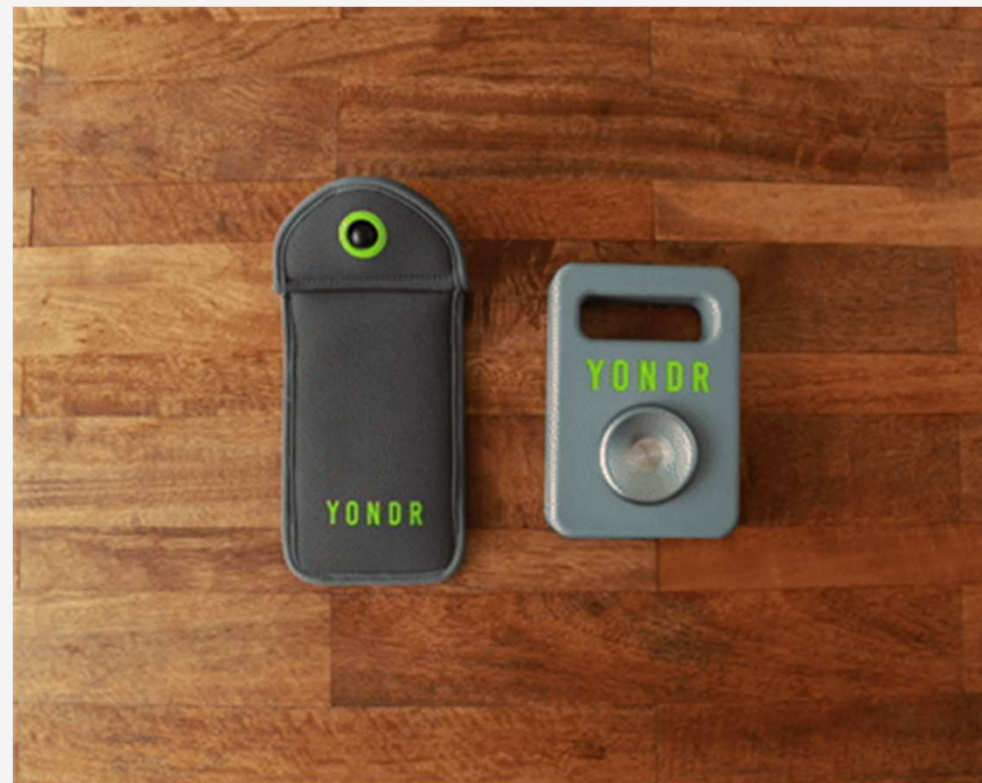


WATCH THE YONDR PROGRAM IN ACTION



## ARRIVAL DEMONSTRATION

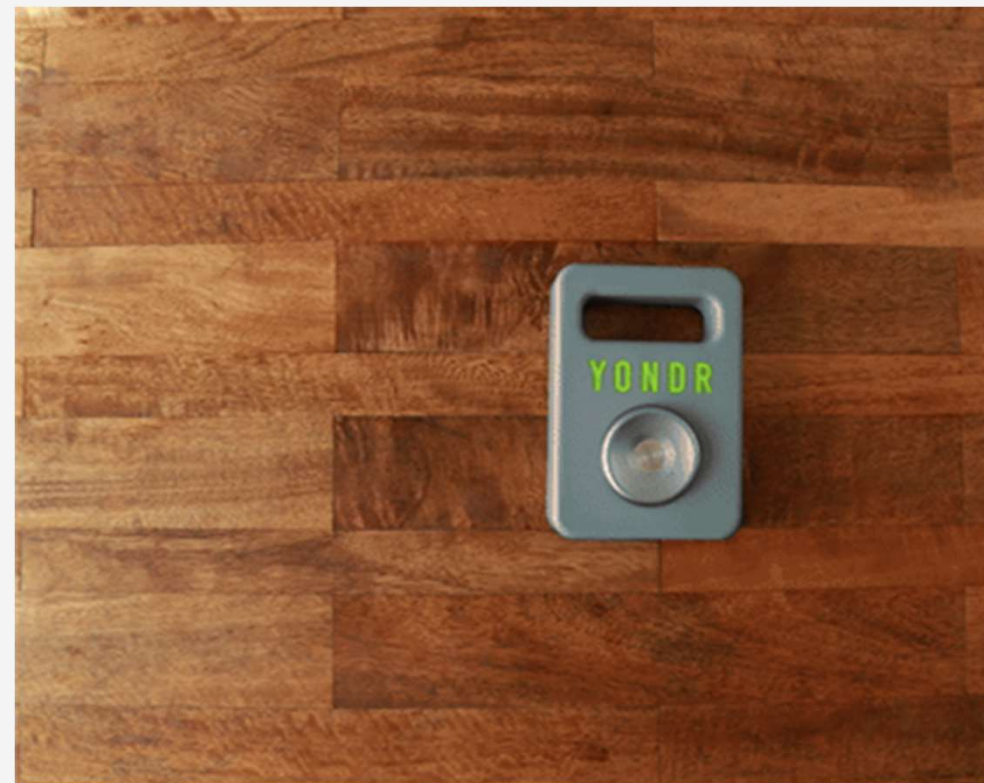
- Turn phone off or on airplane mode.
- Slide phone into pouch.
- Close the top of the pouch.
- Press the green push-pin button to secure.





## 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.
- Keep your pouch with you for the following school day.



## 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

## RECOMMENDED WATCH:

### SWIPED - The school that banned smartphones



This Channel 4 Documentary, released in December 2024, demonstrated the positive impact that managing phone usage had in a UK school.

Full episode available on [Youtube](#) or on 4oD!





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## PROCEDURES

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I NEED TO  
REACH MY CHILD DURING THE  
SCHOOL 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 Reception (01628 625308), 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.

Please note that this is an already long-established school policy.



## PROCEDURES

# WILL MY CHILD'S PHONE PHONE BE SAFE?

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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 bags.



## PROCEDURES

**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. A new pouch will be provided, with a £15 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





## PROCEDURES

# WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT UNLOCKS THEIR POUCH WITHOUT PERMISSION, DAMAGES IT, OR USES AN ALTERNATE PHONE?

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Students will be subject to confiscation and disciplinary action.

Confiscated phones will be kept to the end of the week and will be available for collection, by parents & carers, between 3:30-4:00pm on Fridays.

Pouch checks are an important part of the Yondr Program. 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 their pouch rather than risk confiscation or disciplinary action.



## PROCEDURES

**WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT FORGETS THEIR POUCH?**

If a student forgets their pouch, they must come to Reception to have their phone stored there for the school day. The phone will be available for collection at the end of the school day. As there is an expectation that pouches are brought in every day, there will be a Breaktime detention as well.

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.



## PROCEDURES

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT FORGETS TO OPEN THEIR POUCH AT THE END OF THE DAY?**

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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!



## PROCEDURES

**WHAT WILL THE MORNING  
ROUTINE LOOK LIKE?**

- No students will be allowed on site before 8:00am (morning sports clubs will be sorted directly)
- 8:00-8:20 – students may enter school via the front pedestrian entrance only.
- 8:20-8:45 – students may enter via the front pedestrian entrance or the rear entrance between SHINE and the Astroturf only.
- After 8:45 – students may only enter via Reception.





**ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?**

# THANK YOU

We look forward to seeing the positive  
impact of our phone-free school!

Learn more  
[www.overlyondr.com](http://www.overlyondr.com)