



MTS Mobile Phone Policy: Quick Guide

All pupils in Years 7-11 are provided with a Yondr pouch upon joining MTS (at a small one-off cost, which will be added to termly bills). This is a secure, lockable case for storing phones and all smart devices, including smart watches. Pupils are responsible for bringing their pouch to and from school each day, naming it and keeping it in good condition.

Using the Yondr Pouch

Upon arrival: Pupils will power off all smart technology, including their mobile phones and smart watches, place all devices in the pouch, and lock it.

During the day: Pupils keep the locked pouch in their bag or locker.

Upon leaving the school site: Pupils will unlock pouches at designated stations to retrieve their devices. This can only be done when leaving the site, so the expectation is that phones will be kept in pouches during after-school activities such as co-curricular clubs. This process is quick and simple and will be demonstrated to pupils by their tutors when the pouches are distributed.

Staying Connected: If you need to reach your son during the school day, please contact our main school office at 01923 820644. Messages will be passed on promptly, and pupils can return urgent calls from the office.

Payment in the Lun: Pupils cannot pay for food and drink in the Lun using their phones. We recommend that pupils bring cash or a prepaid debit card if they wish to purchase snacks during the Quarter, Hour or after school.

Frequently Asked Questions

Morning and Afternoon Procedures

How quick is the unlocking process?

The unlocking process is quick, and pupils typically don't need to break stride. While pupils are still getting used to how to unlock pouches, staff will be on hand with mobile unlocking stations to stop queues forming in the first few weeks. If needed, we will add extra unlocking points.

What if my child arrives late or needs to be dismissed early?

Pupils will be able to lock and unlock their pouch themselves, as they enter and leave the school site. However, if they need assistance the main school office will have an unlocking device for pupils arriving late or leaving early.

Will my child's phone be safe?

Pupils are in possession of their phone - in their Yondr pouch - for the entire school day. We advise pupils to store the pouch safely in their bags or lockers. While the Yondr pouch will provide some protection, pupils should continue to handle their phones with the same care they normally would, to prevent damage.

What happens if a pupil forgets to open their pouch at the end of the day?

We anticipate that this will happen rarely. All pupils funnel past the unlocking stations at the exits and they typically want their phones back. If they do arrive home with their phone in a pouch, they can enjoy a phone free evening.

What happens if a pupil forgets to bring in their pouch?

The pupil's phone must be handed in to the school office until the end of the day. The pupil will receive a demerit. If the pouch is repeatedly forgotten, their pouch will be treated as lost and a replacement fee of £25 will be charged.

Daily Pouch Use

What if my child needs their phone for medical reasons?

We have an alternative solution for the small number of pupils who require their phones for medical or pastoral reasons (e.g. managing diabetes). We will be in touch with these families if they have informed us of their medical condition.

My child currently doesn't bring a phone to school; how will this work for them?

Please email your son's tutor by 1 May 2026 if he does not need a Yondr Pouch because he does not bring a mobile phone or any smart technology to school.

What happens if a phone is seen outside of a pouch?

If a pupil is found in possession of a phone outside their pouch on school site, or a phone is heard to be making a noise because it is switched on inside a pouch, the phone will be confiscated and returned when a parent picks it up from the school office. Bag searches may be conducted if staff have reason to believe that a pupil has a mobile phone on them that hasn't been placed into their pouch.

What should Sixth Form pupils do with their phone?

Sixth Form pupils will not be given a pouch. It is expected that their phones will be kept switched off and out of sight whilst on the school site. Any pupil observed with a phone (even if it is switched off) will have it confiscated and returned when a parent picks it up from the school office. The only exception to this rule is that phones may be used in the main Sixth Form Common Room.

What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged?

Any attempt to tamper with the Yondr system, including use or possession of high-strength magnets, will be treated as a serious disciplinary incident, potentially incurring sanctions, a replacement fee of £25, and confiscation of the device until collected by a parent.

If accidental damage occurs, pupils must report it immediately. If damage is discovered by a member of staff and has not been reported, it may be considered intentional. Pupils will be provided with guidelines to avoid any accidental damage.

Will pouches be used during weekend fixtures and school trips?

Pouches will not be used during weekend fixtures or other school activities taking place off-site, or on-site during weekends or holidays. The specific mobile phone policy for each trip will be at the discretion of the member of staff leading the trip, based on the context, the year group travelling and the place they are travelling to. The policy will be communicated clearly to pupils and parents. Misuse of mobile phones during trips and outside of school hours will be dealt with following the School Rules and Regulations and Promoting Good Behaviour Policy.

Emergencies

If there is a school emergency, communications will be managed through the school.

If a pupil needs to access their phone urgently, they may ask a Head of Section, who will decide if this is appropriate and allow the pouch to be unlocked in a secure and supervised manner.