

7 October 2026

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Phone Free School

As you will be aware from previous communications, we are introducing the Yondr pouch system on **Thursday 15 October 2026** to enable us fulfil our obligations to become a phone free school following new guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) in June 2026. The guidance reinforces that restricting mobile phone use supports students' behaviour, safeguarding and concentration on learning.

The guidance states:

"All schools should be phone-free environments for the entire school day. That includes lessons, time between lessons, breaktimes and lunchtime. It means, for example, it is not appropriate for phones to be used as calculators, or for research during lessons."

Following the successful parental information evening hosted by Yondr last week, all students are receiving further details through assemblies this week. During these assemblies they will be provided with information about why it is important that we create a phone free environment, what the process will look like in school and what the consequences of not following the procedures will be.

For your information our mobile phone guidance can be found [here](#). I have also attached the routine posters that are being shared with children, along with some frequently asked questions for your information.

How the Programme Works

On Thursday 15 October, unless you have opted out, your child will be given a Yondr pouch. This is a secure, lockable case for storing their mobile telephone. They will be responsible for bringing their pouch to and from school each day and keeping it in good condition.

- **Upon arrival** to school your child will power off their mobile phone, place it in their Yondr pouch and lock it in front of a member of staff.
- **During the day** your child will keep the locked pouch in their school bag. For this reason, it is essential that your child brings their bag to school.
- **At the end** of the school day students will unlock their pouches at designated stations to retrieve their mobile phone.

This process is quick, simple and will be supervised by staff as part of our daily routine.

Please note that the unlocking of phone pouches involves the use of extremely strong magnets. If your child has a pre-existing medical condition that may be adversely affected by being in close proximity to these magnets (see examples below) then please contact your child's Head of Year or the school via office@driffieldschool.org.uk prior to Wednesday 14 October 2026 to ensure appropriate support is in place.

Examples:

(This is not an exhaustive list and we strongly recommend that you consult with medical professional if you feel your child may have a condition that could be affected.)

- Cochlea Implants
- Cardiac Implants
- Shunts
- Implanted Insulin Pumps

It is important to note that from Friday 16 October 2026 students will not be able to enter the school site until 8.15 am each morning. This will ensure we are able to fully supervise the pouch process.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a focused, present and positive school environment for your child.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs D Dalton
Deputy Headteacher