



Enfield County School for Girls

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Dear Parent/Carer

Mobile Phone Policy

It has been lovely to see our new year 7s experiencing their first day at Enfield County School for Girls and I hope your daughter is already beginning to settle and is ready for her learning journey here.

I am writing to remind you of our [policy regarding mobile phones](#) for our year 7s which we communicated during the Year 6/7 Information Evening on Thursday 3 July.

In line with Enfield Local Authority guidance and in keeping with many other schools throughout the borough, we no longer permit students in year 7 to have a smartphone in school. Students from this year and subsequent years will be only allowed to bring a basic phone or 'brick' phone into school.

<https://www.enfield.gov.uk/news-and-events/2025/05/schools-in-enfield-to-implement-smartphone-free-policy>

Quality research suggests that smartphones are problematic for the health of teenagers - and particularly girls - and so we are introducing a smartphone ban for each year 7 cohort from this year.

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/teens-with-problematic-smartphone-use-are-twice-as-likely-to-have-anxiety-and-many-are-eager-to-cut-down>

If you would like your daughter to have a phone for her journey to and from school then we would ask that you purchase a Yondr pouch for £15 via [ParentPay](#). Your daughter would then be expected to lock her basic phone in her pouch and unlock it on one of the unlocking stations on her way out of school.

I am sure you appreciate how seriously we take the safety and well-being of your daughter and so thank you for your support in this initiative which will make a positive difference to the health and learning outcomes for your daughter.

If you have any questions please contact me on 020 8363 9934 or email ecsgeneral@enfieldcs.enfield.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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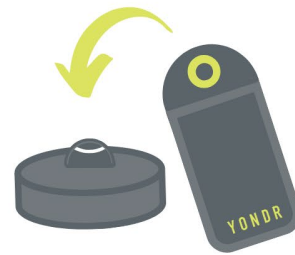
How Yondr Works



As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.



Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.



When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I want to reach my child during the school day?

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. If you need to contact your daughter in an emergency during the school day, contact the main office via 020 8363 3030.

What if there is a school emergency?

In case of a school emergency, we direct our students to safety first, following our school emergency plan.

Will my child's phone be safe?

Students are in possession of their phone - in their Yondr pouch - for the entire school day. We will advise students to store the pouch in their bags where it is completely safe.

What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged or a student is caught on their phone?

If a student deliberately damages their pouch or is caught on their phone the school will follow the sanctions as outlined in the mobile phone policy.

Damaged pouches will have to be replaced by parents at a cost of £22.50.