



Prudhoe Community High School	
Name of Policy	Mobile Technologies
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Mobile Technologies Policy Updated September 2025

The purpose of this policy is to provide teachers, students, parents and carer's guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile phones during school hours.

This policy is to support a focused and respectful learning environment by limiting the distractions and social pressures caused by mobile phones. To achieve this, we are implementing the use of Yondr pouches for all students in lower school during the school day.

Why are we doing this?

We want to create a positive learning environment for all students and believe school should be a place where:

- Students focus on learning and real-life connections.
- Classrooms are distraction-free.
- Social pressure and screen time are minimized.
- Everyone is more present and engaged.

Mobile phone usage for Years 9–11

Students:

- Place all mobile phones in a Yondr pouch before entering school. This will be locked and checked by a member of staff.
- Ensure phones remain secured in the pouch throughout the school day. Students will unlock their pouches as they leave the school site. If students need to leave school early a member of staff will unlock their pouch before leaving
- Students can keep their pouches with them but cannot access their phones until the end of the school day.
- Will have consequences and sanctions applied if students violate the policy.

If a parent/carers needs to contact a student in an emergency then this must go through the school office. 01661 832486

When & Where Phones Are Secured

- Upon arrival at school, students must place their phones in a Yondr pouch and lock it.
- Phones must remain in the locked pouch from arrival until the end of the school day.
- No phones are allowed into the school building unless it is in a Yondr pouch. Anyone without a pouch will hand their phone in to the staff on duty and this will be kept in the safe until 3pm.
- At the end of the school day, students will unlock their Yondr pouches at designated unlocking stations before leaving school grounds.

Emergencies

- Parents/guardians who need to contact their child during the school day must call the main office on 01661 832486
- Students can also request permission to call home through the school office if needed.

Lost or Damaged Pouches

- Students are responsible for the care of their Yondr pouches.
- Lost or intentionally damaged pouches will result in a replacement fee.
- Tampering with or forcing open a pouch is considered a violation of school policy and a relevant sanction will be applied

Sanctions

Students who infringe the rules set out in this document will have their phones confiscated by members of staff. Confiscation of mobile phones in this case is supported in law and set out within our behaviour policy. A record will be made of the incident on our behaviour recording system and the parent/ carer will be able to collect the mobile phone at the end of the school day. Further sanctions may be applied to students who fail to adhere to this policy.

Mobile Phone Usage for 6th Form students, staff and visitors to the school

Mobile phones are not to be used in the corridors by 6th form students and adults. During lesson time phones should be put away. Staff may need to use their mobile phones for authentication onto the school MIS system. When 6th Form students are in the LRC/6th Form study, classrooms where there are no lessons on, dining hall, outside during lessons or at break and lunch students are able to use their mobile phones in an appropriate manner.

Responsibility

Parents/carers should be aware if their child takes a mobile phone to school the school cannot accept responsibility for any loss, damage or costs incurred under any circumstances.

Parents/carers are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office, 01661 832486 ext 0 remains a vital and appropriate point of contact. Contacting the school office can ensure your child is reached quickly with the passing of messages through reception also reducing the likelihood of disruption to lessons.