



# Seahaven Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Subject: Introduction of Yondr Phone Pouches from September**

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a focused, safe, and positive learning environment, after careful consideration, we will be introducing Yondr phone pouches for all students from September. The pouches will be funded by the school for all students in Year 7-11.

### **Current Expectations on Mobile Phones**

Our current school policy already states that mobile phones should not be seen, heard or used during the school day. While many students follow this expectation well, we continue to see instances where phone use distracts from learning, social interaction, and wellbeing. The introduction of Yondr pouches will strengthen our existing expectations by providing a consistent and clear approach for all students.

### **The Impact of Mobile Phones on Learning**

Research highlights the scale of distraction caused by mobile devices. Studies show that teenagers can receive around 240 notifications per day on average, with many of these occurring during school hours. This constant stream of alerts can significantly disrupt focus, interrupt learning, and make it more difficult for students to fully engage in lessons.

### **National Guidance and Government Expectations**

Our decision is in line with the government's commitment to minimise the use of mobile phones in schools. Recent national guidance strongly encourages schools to restrict mobile phone access during the school day to support pupils' wellbeing, attainment, behaviour and concentration. By introducing Yondr pouches, we are aligning our school practice with these expectations and ensuring we provide the best possible environment for learning.

### **How Yondr Works**

Yondr pouches are secure, lockable cases that allow students to keep possession of their mobile phones during the school day while ensuring they are not used during lessons or during social times. Students will place their phones in the pouch upon arrival at school, and the pouch will remain locked until the end of the school day, when it will be unlocked before they leave.

This initiative aims to:

- Enhance overall wellbeing and safeguarding
- Support better concentration and engagement
- Promote healthier social interaction amongst students
- Minimise distractions in lessons



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### **Medical and Exceptional Circumstances**

We recognise that some students rely on their mobile phones for medical purposes—for example, to monitor blood sugar levels or support other health needs. We are committed to ensuring that these students are fully supported. Where a medical need is identified and documented, appropriate adjustments will be made so that students can access their devices as required. Further guidance regarding this will be provided in coming weeks.

Students will retain responsibility for their phones at all times; however, they will not be able to access them during the school day without permission from staff, unless agreed as part of a medical or exceptional arrangement.

We understand that mobile phones can be important for communication before and after school. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please continue to do so via the school office, and we will ensure messages are passed on promptly.

Further details, including guidance on how the system will operate and expectations for students, will be shared during Term 6.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a calm and productive learning environment for all students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr M Newnham-Reeve', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Newnham-Reeve  
Principal