

Mobile Phone Policy



Student Expectations Overview

Arrival at school

As students arrive at school, they will:

1. Turn their mobile phone, smartwatch, air pods/earphones etc. off
2. Open their Yondr pouch by tapping it against the unlocking stations located at the outside of the School Hall, Glenly Street gate (external) and Duffy Crescent gate (external).
3. Place their mobile phone, smartwatch, air pods, into the Yondr pouch.
4. Place their Mobile Phone inside the Pouch and secure it in front of school staff.
5. Store it in their backpack for the day.

If a **student forgets their Pouch**, their Mobile Phone/device will be collected, and front office staff will call home to remind the Parent of the policy. The phone/device will be returned to the student at dismissal. If a student consistently forgets their Pouch, it is considered Lost. Refer to the 2.3 School actions for non-compliance section in the JFHS Mobile Phone Policy document for further information regarding lost pouches.

Students arriving late or leaving early will pouch/unpouch their phones in the Front Office.

At the end of the day

1. Students will open their Pouch at one of the unlocking stations located at the outside of the School Hall, Glenly Street gate (external) and Duffy Crescent gate (external).
2. They will remove their phone, smartwatch, air pods, close their Pouch and put it in their backpack.
3. If they do not unlock before leaving, an unlocking station will be located at the external Glenly St and Duffy Crescent gates to access after-hours.

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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. Please refrain from contacting your student during the school day unless it is an emergency. Contact the Front office on 6025 1688 to reach your child.

What if there is an emergency?

In case of an emergency, we direct our students to safety first. School staff will be able to unlock a Yondr pouch in a matter of seconds for students once they are in a safe and secure location.

Will my student'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 backpacks where it is completely safe.

If the phone/electronic device is confiscated for student breach of policy, all care but no responsibility will be taken by the school with the device in transit from the classroom to the office safe. Students will not be asked to take the device to the office.

What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged or lost?

The Yondr pouch is property of James Fallon High school. If a student damages or tampers with a Yondr pouch, they will be held responsible. The student's phone will be confiscated by the school until a parent/guardian comes to the school to pick up their child's phone and a replacement pouch may be assigned. The student will only be allowed to bring a phone back to school if they or their parent/guardian pay a \$20 fee to replace the damaged school property.

Note: Damage consists of any signs that the physical integrity of the pouch has been compromised, whether intentional or unintentional, as determined by the school or Yondr staff.

How can I clean my student's Yondr pouch?

In adherence to CDC guidelines, Yondr pouches can be washed in cold water for a short cycle and dried on a short cycle and/or air dried. Pouches can also be cleaned with a disinfectant cleaner.