

# THE CREDO SCHOOL

The Consilium Centre

## Student Summary: Screening, Searching & Mobile Phones

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This Policy is for The Credo School.

## Why we have these rules

Our aim is to keep **everyone safe**, calm and ready to learn. These rules help us do that fairly and consistently for all students.

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### Screening on Entry

- Every student is **wanded on entry** each day.
- This is a **normal part of coming into the Centre**.
- The wand does **not touch you** — it just checks for metal items.
- If the wand alerts, staff may ask to check your pockets or bag.

If you refuse screening, staff will support you to calm and comply. If refusal continues, this will be managed under the Behaviour and Relationships Policy.

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## Mobile Phones – Phone-Free School

The Consilium Centre is a **phone-free environment** during the school day.

### What you must do

You must either:

- **Hand your phone in** when you arrive, or
- Keep your phone **locked in your Yondr pouch** all day

### Important rules

- Phones must be **switched off**
- Phones must **not be visible**
- Yondr pouches must **stay locked**
- If you forget your pouch, your phone will be handed in for the day

### Banned Items

You must not bring these into the Centre:

- Weapons or anything that could hurt someone
- Vapes, cigarettes, alcohol or drugs
- Fireworks
- Stolen items
- Pornographic images
- Mobile phones outside Yondr pouches
- Smart watches or Bluetooth devices (unless agreed in advance)

## Searching

Staff may ask to search you or your belongings if:

- A banned item is suspected, or
- Screening suggests something may be hidden

### What to expect

- Staff will explain what's happening
  - Searches are done **respectfully and privately**
  - You can ask questions
  - Staff searching you will be the **same sex**, where possible, with another adult present
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## Confiscation

- Any banned item found will be **taken away**
  - **Parents/carers** will be contacted
  - Some items may not be returned if they are unsafe or illegal
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### If you're worried or unsure

- Speak to a trusted adult
  - Ask for time or support if you feel overwhelmed
  - You will always be treated with respect
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### Remember

These rules apply to **everyone**.

They are here to help keep the Centre **safe, fair and calm**.