

New Smartphone Rules



Headteachers across Basingstoke schools are supporting a national movement to change culture, reclaim childhood, and improve the futures of our children. There are new school rules in place to help bring about this much needed change, to keep our children safe. Did you know...

50%

of UK 12 year-olds have seen hardcore pornography online

46%

of teens say they use their phones "almost constantly"

24%

of UK 17 year-olds have self-harmed in the prior 12 months

237

the average amount of notifications teens receive per day

84%

of bullying of children who have smartphones now takes place online

43%

of US teenagers waking minutes are spent on screens

What are we losing?



Less time playing, reading & exercising



Less social interaction and face to face communication

What can parents do now?

Join thousands of other parents across Basingstoke and the UK by signing the [Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact](#).

What are you signing up to? ***Not buying your child a smartphone until the end of Year 9.***

What's a brick phone?

They are **not internet enabled** but still allow calls and texts. They are cheap to buy, too ([Amazon](#), [Argos](#)). No data needed for your SIM card. [ASDA mobile](#) sell these, for example.

Famous parents have signed the Pact!



What are the new school rules? How can I find out more?

School rules are changing. From September 2025, **only** Year 6 pupils can bring a smartphone to school, and hand them into the class teacher on arrival. From September 2026, no pupils can bring a smartphone in to school. What's the alternative for Years 5&6 pupils? Only brick phones are allowed. We hope this supports you in keeping your child safe and enjoying childhood.