

Smartphone Rules



Headteachers across Basingstoke schools are continuing to support a national movement to change culture, reclaim childhood, and improve the futures of our children. A reminder of the 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?

From September 2026, children will no longer be allowed to bring smartphones into school. Years 5 and 6 pupils may bring a basic "brick" phone if needed. A brick phone does not have access to the internet. We hope this change helps support your child's safety and wellbeing, and allows them to enjoy their childhood. Please see our school website for more information including the school policy.