

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.