

# 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 is 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 our school rules? How can I find out more?

Our school rules are not changing, but the **Uniform and Personal Belongings Policy** and our new **Smartphone-free School Policy** will now be consistently enforced. From September 2025, **only Year 6 pupils** and pupils who need a smartphone to manage their diabetes, can bring a smartphone to school. Phones must be handed to the class teacher on arrival. From September 2026, **no pupils** (except those with diabetes) can bring a smartphone to school. What's the alternative for our pupils? Only brick phones are allowed. We hope this supports you in keeping your child safe and enjoying childhood.

We are planning to run workshops for parents to share more about this initiative and how to keep your child safe. Details to follow...

### **List of participating schools in Basingstoke & Deane:**

Ashford Hill Primary School  
Burghclere Primary School  
Burnham Copse Primary School  
Castle Hill Primary School  
Castle Hill Infant School  
Chalk Ridge Primary School  
Fairfields Primary School  
Great Binfields Primary School  
Hatch Warren Infant School  
Kings Furlong Infant School & Nursery  
Kings Furlong Junior School  
Manor Field Schools  
Merton Infant School  
Merton Junior School  
Oakley Church of England Junior School  
Oakley Infant School  
Oakridge Schools Federation  
Old Basing Infant School  
Overton CE Primary School  
Park View Primary School  
Rucstall Primary School  
Sherborne St John C of E Primary School  
South View Infant, Nursery and Junior Schools  
St John's CofE (Aided) Primary School  
St Mark's Church of England Primary School  
St Martin's CE (Aided) Primary School  
St Mary Bourne Primary School  
St Mary's Church of England Junior School  
The Priory Primary School  
Whitchurch C of E Primary School