

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

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 in to their class teacher on arrival. From September 2026, no pupils can bring a smartphone in to school. What's the alternative for Years 5 and 6 pupils? Brick phones are allowed. We hope this supports you in keeping your child safe and enjoying childhood. *Please note that the plan at Winklebury is to run 1 year behind the schools that signed up last summer, so from September 2026, only Year 6 pupils would be allowed a smartphone in school and from September 2027, we would be smartphone free.*

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

Tadley Primary School

Whitchurch C of E Primary School