

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 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