



*'Love of Learning, Love of Life, Love of Christ!'*  
*Our Core Christian Values: Respect, Effort, Aim High, Honesty,*  
*Care and Love.*

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## Hampshire Primary Schools Collective Letter

Dear Parents/guardians,

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the impact of smartphones on our children.

Smartphones are a big part of life today. Most adults have one. They are a fantastic tool for finding information and staying connected with family and friends.

However, there is now an **alarming amount of evidence and research of the negative effects of smartphones and social media on children and teenagers.**

These include:

- Poor mental health, such as depression, anxiety and low self-esteem.
- Issues with cyberbullying, attention, focus and sleep.
- Exposure to dangerous and harmful content, and inappropriate material.
- Opportunity cost: Smartphones can be highly addictive, and hours spent on a device reduces time spent playing, interacting and developing vital social skills.

Children often get their first phone in primary school and over 90% of 12-year-olds now have a smartphone. This period is crucial for brain development. A [major study](#) found that the younger a child gets a smartphone, the worse their mental health will be.

Schools are in a powerful position to change the norm, and support parents on this difficult issue.

That's why Hampshire primary schools are now coming together to take collective action, and commit to making Hampshire primary schools **genuinely smartphone free.**

**We are committed to ensuring our primary schools are smartphone free by January 2026, meaning that we do not want primary school children to bring a smartphone to school.**

We are also encouraging all parents to delay giving a smartphone to your child until they are at least **14 years old** and to delay allowing their children access to social media **until age 16.**

If you need to contact your child while they travel to and from school, a simple 'brick' phone is more than enough. 'Brick' phones do not have internet connectivity, and they are inexpensive.

We would like to work together with parents to safeguard children and preserve childhood. By doing



so, we can not only protect our children's mental health and wellbeing, but we can also set a standard for how communities can come together to challenge the norms that no longer serve our children.

If you would like to find out more about support for parents who want their children to be smartphone free, do please visit [Smartphone Free Childhood](#). Here you can sign the [Parent pact](#). This allows parents to come together in delaying giving a smartphone to their children, until the end of Year 9. You can find a list of non-smart phones [here](#).

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher

1. Amport CE (Aided) Primary School
2. Alton Infant School, Alton
3. Andover C of E Primary, Andover
4. Andrews' Endowed CE Primary School, Holybourne
5. Anstey Junior School, Alton
6. Anton Junior School, Andover
7. Appleshaw St Peter's CE Primary, Andover
8. Balksbury School, Andover
9. Beaulieu Village Primary School, New Forest
10. Bentley CE Primary School, Alton
11. Berewood Primary School, Waterlooville
12. Binsted CE Primary School, Binsted
13. Bishop's Waltham Infant School, Bishop's Waltham
14. Bishop's Waltham Junior School, Bishop's Waltham
15. Blackfield Primary and Nursery School, Southampton
16. Boorley Park Primary School, Southampton
17. Breamore CE Primary School, Fordingbridge
18. Brockhurst Primary School, Gosport
19. Buriton Primary School, Petersfield
20. Bursledon Schools Federation, Southampton
21. Buryfields Infant School, Hook
22. Calmore Infant school, Southampton
23. Calmore Junior school, Southampton
24. Castle Hill Primary School, Basingstoke
25. Chalk Ridge Primary School, Basingstoke
26. Chawton CE Primary School, Chawton
27. Cheriton Primary School, Cheriton
28. Church Crookham Junior School, Fleet
29. Compton C of E Primary School, Winchester
30. Cornerstone Church of England Primary School, Whiteley
31. Cove Infant School, Farnborough
32. Cranford Park Primary School, Yateley
33. Curdridge Primary School, Southampton



34. Dogmersfield CE Primary School, Hook
35. East Meon Primary School, East Meon
36. Elvetham Heath Primary School, Fleet
37. Endeavour School, Andover
38. Fleet Infant School, Fleet
39. Frogmore Infant School, Camberley
40. Froxfield Primary School, Petersfield
41. Grateley Primary School, Andover
42. Green Oaks Federation, Hartley Wintney
43. Hale Primary School, Fordingbridge
44. Hambledon Primary School, Waterlooville
45. Heatherside Junior School, Fleet
46. Hook Junior School, Hook
47. Hurstbourne Tarrant School, Andover
48. Hyde CE Primary School, Fordingbridge
49. Icknield Primary School, Andover
50. Itchen Abbas Primary School, Winchester
51. Kimpton, Thruxton & Fyfield CE Primary, Andover
52. Kings Furlong Junior School, Basingstoke
53. Knights Enham Junior School, Andover
54. Langrish Primary School, Petersfield
55. Longparish Primary School, Andover
56. Mayhill Junior School, Hook
57. Meonstoke Infants, Southampton
58. Milford on Sea CE Primary School, Lymington
59. Netley Abbey Infant School, Southampton
60. Netley Abbey Junior School, Southampton
61. Newton Soberton Infants, Fareham
62. Norman Gate Primary School, Andover
63. Norwood Primary and Pre-School, Eastleigh
64. North Farnborough Infant School, Farnborough
65. Orchard Junior School, New Forest
66. Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School, Farnborough
67. Padnell Infants School, Waterlooville
68. Petersfield Infant School, Petersfield
69. Petersgate Infant School, Waterlooville
70. Pilgrims' Cross CE Primary School, Andover
71. Portway Infant School, Andover
72. Portway Junior School, Andover
73. Queen's Inclosure Primary School, Waterlooville
74. Roman Way Primary School, Andover
75. Romsey Primary School, Romsey
76. Rowledge C of E Primary School, Rowledge, Farnham
77. Saint James Church of England Primary School, Southampton
78. Selborne Primary School, Alton
79. Sarisbury C of E Junior School, Sarisbury Green
80. Scantabout Primary School, Eastleigh
81. Sheet Primary School, Petersfield
82. South Baddesley Primary School, Lymington



83. South Farnborough Infant School, Farnborough
84. South Farnborough Junior School, Farnborough
85. Southwood Infant School, Farnborough
86. Sparsholt C of E Primary School, Winchester
87. St Bede CofE Primary School, Winchester
88. St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, Farnborough
89. St. Faith's C of E Primary School, Winchester
90. St John the Baptist School, Andover
91. St Jude's Catholic Primary School, Fareham
92. St. Lawrence CE Primary School, Alton
93. St Luke's CE Primary School, Lymington
94. St. Mark's C of E Primary School, Basingstoke
95. St. Mary's Bentworth CE Primary School, Alton
96. St. Michael's Church of England Infant School, Aldershot
97. St Nicholas' School, Fleet
98. Stockbridge Primary School, Stockbridge
99. St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Farnborough
100. Steep Primary School, Binsted
101. Tadley Primary School, Tadley
102. Talavera Infant School, Aldershot
103. Tavistock Infant School, Fleet
104. The Cambridge Primary School, Aldershot
105. The Mark Way School, Andover
106. Tweseldown Infant School, Fleet
107. Velmead Junior School, Fleet
108. Vernham Dean Gillum's CE Primary, Andover
109. Wallop Primary School, Andover
110. Vigo Primary School, Andover
111. Weeke Primary School, Winchester
112. Wellstead Primary School, Southampton
113. Western CE Primary School, Winchester
114. Wootey Infant School, Alton