

School Council Discussion Summary – Smartphone Use 12.03.26

1. Banning Smartphones in School

- **Vote:** 8 Yes | 9 No

Reasons for banning smartphones:

- Children may be too young to use them responsibly.
- Phones can cause distractions and affect learning.
- Exposure to unsafe or upsetting content online.
- Possible negative effects on mental health and wellbeing.
- Risk of phones being lost, broken, or used inappropriately.

Reasons against banning smartphones:

- Families may have already spent a lot of money on them.
- Some children use features like Apple Pay, Google Maps, or smartwatches.
- Phones are already stored in a box during school.
- Parents might have to buy a second “brick phone”.

2. Banning Parents from Using Smartphones in the Playground

- **Vote:** 8 Yes | 9 No

Reasons for banning parent phone use:

- Parents should pay attention to their children.
- Phones may distract them or make them forget things.
- Children might see inappropriate content.
- Spending time together is important.

Reasons against banning parent phone use:

- Parents may need to make important calls.
- They may have work responsibilities.
- There could be urgent family situations.
- Parents are adults and should decide for themselves.

3. Children's Concerns About Smartphone Use

Children raised several concerns about smartphones, including:

- Accounts being hacked or fake profiles being created.
- Becoming too focused or addicted to phones.
- Exposure to inappropriate content.
- Being pressured to do harmful things online.
- Risks of scams, spam, or money being stolen.
- Phones are expensive.
- Possible effects on eyesight and wellbeing.