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Dear parents

Reducing Smartphone Use in Childhood

Enfield Council has published a letter, signed by over 80 Enfield schools, including Grange Park, informing families of a new policy regarding smartphones. Starting in September 2025, smartphones will not be permitted in Enfield primary schools. Additionally, pupils beginning Year 7 at secondary schools this September will also be prohibited from bringing smartphones to school throughout their Year 7 to Year 11 studies.

Currently, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who walk home or travel to school independently bring smartphones, which they must switch off upon arrival at the school gates and hand to their class teacher for safekeeping until the end of the day. However, this will change in September, and smartphones will no longer be allowed. As an alternative, we suggest parents consider purchasing 'brick phones' that allow for calls and texts.

The reasoning behind this decision is detailed in the linked [letter](#). As schools, we frequently witness the adverse effects of smartphones and social media on young pupils. We aim to support parents in guiding their children to wait until the age of 14 for a smartphone and 16 for social media access.

Enfield is not the first local authority where schools have collaborated on this issue; Barnet schools issued a similar letter a few months ago. Increasingly, schools both nationally and internationally are taking similar steps.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Best wishes

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