

# Wormit Primary School Mobile Phone and Social Media Policy Summary for Families

Ask yourself: as an adult, do you always feel safe online??

This policy was written following parental consultation. Thank you to all who took part.

This policy is based on research and experience.

We recommend that children are not bought a smartphone until P7 at the earliest.

If your child needs a phone before they are in P7 we recommend a handset or watch that doesn't connect to the internet or support apps. Calls and texts are all they need.

We recommend that children do not use video sharing apps like Tik Tok and YouTube. These apps do not allow you to create an account until you are 13.

We recommend that children do not use chat apps like WhatsApp and Snap Chat. These apps do not allow you to create an account until you are 13.

We recommend that children do not play online games with messaging features like Fortnite and Roblox.

We don't allow children to discuss these games or apps in school or to bring items branded with these games or apps. We do teach internet safety and we do encourage children to come to us with concerns.

We ask parents who do allow messaging apps to make sure children don't set up 'class chats'.

No phones are allowed on school trips.

No child in who travels by school transport needs to bring a phone to school.

No child in Nursery or P1-4 needs a phone at school.

P5-7 children can only bring a phone to school if they need it for safety before and after and if their parents have completed an online form.

Think of your happiest childhood memory...  
was there a screen involved?