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Dear Parents/Carers,







SMARTPHONES AT STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL – MARCH UPDATE

As per our previous communications earlier in the academic year, we are writing to remind you of our smartphone policy change which comes into place later this year:

- From September 2026, children in Year 5 (current Year 4 cohort) will not be permitted to bring smartphones onto the school site. Only non-data phones (capable of calls and SMS only) will be allowed, and must be handed in at the start of the school day, as children do currently.
- From September 2027, this restriction will be extended to both Year 5 and Year 6.

We wanted to provide more guidance about phones which will be allowed in school. As per our current policy, non-data mobile phones will continue to be handed into staff at the start of the day. We are basing the list of acceptable alternatives on guidance given in the [First Phones](#) section from Smartphone Free Childhood, [brick phone blog](#) (also from SFC) and [Papaya](#).

Prices for non-data phones start from under £20 with the Nokia 105 and you can even play Snake on it! Acceptable phones including current web prices are:

<p>Nokia 105</p> 	<p>Nokia 215</p> 	<p>Nokia 2660</p> 	<p>Samsung E1200</p> 
<p>£13.50</p>	<p>£62.99</p>	<p>£59.99</p>	<p>£74.99</p>
<p>The Phone+</p>	<p>XploraOne</p>	<p>TCL 4022</p>	<p>Some of these models are available in other colours and can be purchased from other retailers.</p>
			
<p>£122 (from France)</p>	<p>£149.99</p>	<p>£23.99</p>	

Guidance for [GPS trackers and Bluetooth trackers](#) is also given by Smartphone Free Childhood.

Smartphone Free Childhood

STOKENCHURCH is proud to support the Smartphone Free Childhood initiative – a growing, grassroots movement led by families, carers and educators who are working together to rethink the role of smartphones in children’s lives. It is not about judgement, but about giving families the confidence to wait, and the support to act together.



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We would also encourage parents to:

- Watch this short video for parents: '[The Smartphone Dilemma and how to solve it](#)'
- Watch this video **with your child**: '[This made my kids stop begging for a phone](#)' – a child-friendly resource explaining why waiting for a smartphone can be a positive choice.
- Connect with other families by joining our school's [Smartphone Free Childhood WhatsApp group](#).
- Sign the [Parent Pact](#) to delay giving your child a smartphone, helping reduce peer pressure.

If you would like to read our previous letter from October outlining the school policy change and reasons why, please [click here](#). You can read the whole mobile phone policy (Appendix 5 – Electronic Devices, including Mobile Phones) which is part of our Online Safety policy on the [Statutory Information](#) page on our website.

We will continue to promote safe and responsible use of technology through our curriculum, as well as offering information and resources for parents who want guidance on screentime and digital wellbeing. These are regularly shared via the 'Safeguarding slot' in our weekly newsletter and can be found on [our website](#). Thank you again for your support on this important issue. Together, we can give children time and space to enjoy a childhood that's a little less digital and more connected to the world around them.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Nick Stevens
Headteacher