

FAO Pupils  
Initio Learning Trust Schools

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Dear Pupils

### **Smartphone Free Consultation Report: Key Findings and Next Steps**

Thank you for sharing your honest thoughts on using mobile phones during the school day. Your feedback is really important! We use this information to keep our schools a safe place to learn.

Here is a summary of what each year group said:

#### **Year 5 & 6:**

- Most of you (about 6 out of 10 in Year 5, and 5 out of 10 in Year 6) said you shouldn't have your phones during the school day
- You were the most supportive of strict rules, like putting your phone in a locker when you arrive or using a special magnetic pouch

#### **Year 7 & 8:**

- Almost everyone in these years owns a phone, and most of you feel it's important for traveling to and from school
- Year 7 was split: a little over half (54.7%) want to access their phone during the school day
- In Year 8, a small majority (67.5%) want to access their phone during the school day
- However, Year 8 also reported the highest rate of experiencing cyber-bullying or inappropriate behaviour with mobile phone use (19.9%). Many of you shared your personal stories which gave us a greater insight

#### **Year 9, 10 & 11:**

- Most of you (over 92%) agree that you need a phone for travel
- Most of you (over 7 out of 10) want to have access to your phone during the school day
- The most popular idea was a 'self-management' approach: you can keep your phone in your bag all day, but it must be switched off

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Allenbourn Middle School • Bridport Primary School • Burton Bradstock CE Primary School • Colehill First School • Corfe Hills School  
Emmanuel CE Middle School • Hayeswood First School • Hillside First School • Lockyer's Middle School • Merley First School  
Pamphill CE First School • Queen Elizabeth's School • St John's CE First School • St Mary's CE Primary School • St Mary's CE First School  
St Michael's CE Middle School • The Sir John Colfox Academy • Verwood CE First School • Witchampton CE First School



### **Year 12 & 13:**

- The majority of you (91.6%) want access to your phones during the school day
- You asked for rules that are more flexible, like being able to use phones for school work when you don't have lessons (non-contact time)

### What Happens Next?

Senior Leaders and Headteachers will now use your feedback, along with what staff and parents have said, to decide on our mobile phone rules.

We will let you know the new policy and the date it starts as soon as the decision is made.

Thank you!

Kind regards

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