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Dear Parents/Carers,

Many of you will be aware that there has been a lot of recent media coverage focussed on the many potential harms posed to our children through the use of social media, as well as the variety of other online platforms which children can access on the internet. This has led to a range of interested groups advocating for the use of smartphones to be age restricted.

A group of our parents/carers, have recently met to discuss the risks involved in providing children with smartphones. Their aim is to come to a collective agreement on not providing their children with a smartphone until they are older. For those of you who are interested in joining this group, they will be meeting again in November. You can join their contact list by emailing Remi at wasyluk@hotmail.com.

The school would like to support these endeavours. Currently, we allow children in years 5 and 6, who have permission to walk home alone, to bring a mobile phone to school with them, so that they can stay in touch with family on their journeys. They must hand in their phone at the beginning of the school day and do not have any access to it during the school day.

We would like to consult on changing our mobile phone policy, so that it does not allow children to bring a smartphone for this purpose. Instead, these children could be provided with a basic phone with call and text functions only. Have your say by completing this short survey:

[Smartphone survey](#)

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