

Hi Year 6!

It has been so lovely to speak to you over the phone and great to hear that you are keeping in touch with your friends using social media.

To keep you safe while doing this, this week your learning will be related to internet safety and smartphones.

By the end of the week, we would like you to write a balanced argument about the following statement:

“Should Year 6 children have smartphones in school?”

# We are learning about internet safety...

**Task 1:** Give advice to young people about keeping safe online

**Task 2:** Research – use websites to find out the arguments for and against the use of smartphones by young people

**Task 3:** Balanced argument

Start by taking this quiz...<https://www.childnet.com/young-people/primary/smart-rules-quiz>

## Task 1: Give advice

Below there are two scenarios that young people have found themselves in while online. Write a paragraph response to each person giving them advice.

Scenario A: Hi there, my name is Mia and I'm 12 years old. I have WhatsApp and I'm part of several group chats but one of them is beginning to make me feel uncomfortable. Some of my friends are saying mean things to one girl in my class and I don't know what to do. I don't want to get into trouble. Can you give me some advice?

Scenario B: Hey! My name is Abdul and I'm 10. My friend Jack has been spending a lot of time online lately talking to someone he does not know. Jack says it's fine because they play Fortnite together, but he is now about to give him his phone number so they can meet up. What should I do?



Use these links to help:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/help-me-out-staying-safe-online>  
<https://www.childnet.com/young-people/primary/get-smart>

Task 2 - Research Take notes using the layout below. Some examples have been done for you.  
Find at least 3 more for each column.

“Should Year 6 children be allowed smartphones in school?”

Arguments FOR this statement = children should have smartphones



Arguments AGAINST this statement = children should not have smartphones



For

Against

Use this websites to find arguments for and against:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/should-phones-be-banned-at-school>

- Research = widen knowledge of the world

- Online homework = can see it in school and ask teachers questions

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- Online bullying = has an impact on confidence

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## Task 3: Balanced Argument

A balance argument gives both sides of the argument therefore you must include reasons why children should have smart phones and reasons why children should not have smart phones. There is an example of one on the next slide.

### Structure:

Introduction

Paragraph 1 – arguments for 

Paragraph 2 – arguments against 

Conclusion – your opinion

### Success criteria:

-save your opinion for the conclusion – it has to be balanced!

-3<sup>rd</sup> person (People might think that... It is argued that.... It is said that...)

-conjunctions (therefore, however, moreover, furthermore, in addition)

“Should Year 6 children have smartphones in school?”

## Should Year 5 and 6

### be allowed to have mobile phones in school?

The majority of children (aged 10 and 11) own a mobile phone, but should they be allowed to bring them into school?

Firstly, children shouldn't be allowed to bring phones into school as they would be tempted to play games. This would affect the pace of the lesson: which would end in the teacher having to stop and start the lesson over and over. Furthermore, someone may take photographs of other students without them knowing. The photograph then may be posted on social media when they don't want it to. This would result in their privacy being invaded and going against their wish. There would be severe punishments, for example: being expelled or permanently excluded. Moreover, the child might use their phone to access a calculator in mathematical lessons which could result in cheating. This shows that the children have learned a small part of their mathematics.

On the other hand, the phone could be used for educational purposes such as research. They could go on the internet to learn more about the topic they're learning. Also, if an afterschool club is cancelled, the child can call the parent/guardian; instead of going to the office since it is a very busy place and they have more important jobs to do. Mobile phones would especially be great for indoor breaks as you can play on them. If they could play on their phones, they could avoid unnecessary fights and arguments over the play equipment.

In conclusion, I personally believe that the children shouldn't be allowed to bring phones into school. Even though they could prove to be great for educational purposes they shouldn't be brought to school as the down points are far greater and outweigh the good; since phones are very distracting and disrupt the pace of lessons and therefore having a knock on effect on our education.

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