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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a joint letter being sent to all families of primary age children in the Havant and Waterlooville area. We call this our school district.

Following on from our newsletters, letters and workshops for families and children, this letter is aimed at reminding you that we will be Smartphone Free from January 2026.

Thank you for your words of support and commitment to safeguard children and preserve childhood. By doing this together, we can not only protect our children's mental health and wellbeing, but we can also set a standard for how communities can come together to challenge the norms that no longer serve our children. We are also encouraging all parents to delay giving a smartphone to your child until they are at least 14 years old and to delay allowing their children access to social media until age 16.

If you would like to find out more about support for parents who want their children to be smartphone free, do please visit Smartphone Free Childhood. Here you can sign the Parent pact. This allows parents to come together in delaying giving a smartphone to their children, until the end of Year 9.

The presentation is also attached from the Parent Workshop, which was held on 6th October. Please some time to read through it.

In the future, if you need to contact your child while they travel to and from school, a simple 'brick' phone is more than enough. 'Brick' phones do not have internet connectivity, and they are inexpensive. There are a few phones that look like smartphones but are not. Here are some examples of the more popular non-smart phones:

- Nokia 105
- USHINING Flip Phone
- Oakcastle SIM Free Mobile

If you do wish to discuss this further, we encourage you to book an appointment with one of our senior leaders.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mandy Grayson', with a flourish at the end.

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher

Our Padnell promise to be a: **G**iving citizen
Resilient learner
Original thinker
Wise worker

