

## Leading Schools Recommend ParentShield to Parents of their Y7 intake

As Schools across the Country prepare for the new School Year, an increasing number of schools are recommending Parents provide ParentShield SIM cards

DERBY, DERBYSHIRE, UNITED KINGDOM, July 4, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- It's no secret that Mobile Phones pose a significant challenge for schools, but over the past 10 years the landscape has changed considerably and the majority of schools polled prefer to implement an 'out-of-sight' policy for mobile phones.

ParentShield is a special mobile
network for children and has been
designed to make life easier for
schools as it gives parents the ability to
completely disable mobile phone
usage on their children's devices during school hours.

Mobile Phones can be an unwelcome addition to the classroom



ParentShield Child-Safe Network

An increasing number of schools are recommending ParentShield to parents - particularly their new Y7 intake as part of their introduction process. Working together with Parents allows for the start of a constructive partnership regarding mobile phones and helps prevent confrontational situations that arise from confiscations.

ParentShield was recently featured in a <u>Teaching Times article</u> "Putting Child Protection At The Heart Of Mobile Phone Usage". In an interview with Head Teachers, policy makers expressed their recommendation to use a Child Protection Mobile Network for children.

In the article, Author Sally McKeown speaks to heads of several schools about the subject of mobile phones and found that many recommend ParentShield to their parents.

Seema Solani, principal of Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College, wrote: 'Over the next few



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Seema Solani - Haberdashers'

Aske's College

months your child may be spending more time than normal on the internet, working on their homework, playing games, maybe watching documentaries with you. We recommend that all parents install ParentShield on the device used by their child in order to safeguard and protect them.'

Confiscation or removal of mobile phones becomes unnecessary if the phone is set in ParentShield's "SchoolBlock" mode which completely disables all calls,

SMS messages and (most importantly!) mobile data during School Hours. Returning the phone back to normal state after home time and allowing it to be used to call parents for lifts home etc.

While in SchoolBlock mode the phone can still contact emergency services or the child's parents in emergency situations so relieves stress for children and increases peace of mind for parents yet removes the possibility of unwanted notifications in the classroom or access to social media and other distractions, improving classroom behaviour.

ParentShield also provides helpful and free-of-charge <u>parent guides</u> that schools can download for distribution to their parents.

## About ParentShield

ParentShield is the UK's only Mobile Network designed specifically with children in mind, incorporating a wide range of tools - from call recording to keyword alerts - that allow parents to oversee their child's phone usage without invading their privacy. It can work with any unlocked feature-phone, smartphone or smartwatch and does not require any app or parental controls to be set on the device. Its features are handled remotely, allowing for optimal convenience while kids retain their independence. The SIMs work across the UK and beyond.

ParentShield is seen as one of the UK's 'rising-star' MVNO's with an offering and speciality that is significantly different from past MVNO start-ups that have struggled to compete on price alone with the discount MVNO operators in the UK.

Being a SIM-based network-side service, parents can provide ANY unlocked phone to their child and give them a totally normal mobile phone experience without the stigma of being a locked or crippled "parental control" phone that you wouldn't want to show your friends in the playground.

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