

# ParentShield issues Back-to-School Phone advice for Parents

*Many parents purchase their child's first mobile phone for the return to school. It's a new and scary thing. ParentShield offers import advice.*

DERBY, DERBYSHIRE, UK, August 26, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Here are the main things to cover when giving a child a new mobile phone for back-to-school. Particularly if it's a second-hand or handed-down device. [ParentShield](#) only provides SIM cards for children and others with special Safeguarding needs, so is well placed to provide advice to parents at this time.

1. Update the phones operating software

The first thing is to get the phone connected to Wifi and update the phone to the latest version of its operating software, outdated operating software causes unexpected behaviour, which is definitely not what you need.

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Children are often bought their first mobile phones for the 'back-to-school' transition. ParentShield advises hundreds of parents every year at this time to make the process as stress free as possible”

*Graham Tyers*

At the time of writing the latest versions are as follows:

Iphone: 15.6.1

Android: 12

If their phone doesn't support the latest version, make sure it's at the latest version that the phone does support.



At back to School time it's Parents who do their homework when selecting and setting up a mobile phone

2. Phone settings check

Children do tend to fiddle with settings from time to time, so double check the main settings to avoid any panic.



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*The Child-Safe Mobile Network*

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– that roaming is switched on wherever mentioned

– that network selection is set to automatic

– that both voice and data have both 3G and 4G(LTE) selected

– that the APN is set correctly – ours is dataconnect as in our [data guide](#) here

### 3. Activate SchoolBlock!

ParentShield takes care of classroom distractions with its revolutionary SchoolBlock facility. Log into your parent portal and within the Settings tab, look for the SchoolBlock switch. This will block all calls, texts and mobile data during school hours. But will still allow communications to the two home numbers, and the emergency services of course.

block phones at school on  
Simply pop SchoolBlock on with one simple switch

### 4. Set up location tracking

The first thing to check is that location services are enabled in the phone settings, and that mobile data is turned on.

Both Apple and Android's 'find my phone' facilities are excellent, and free of charge. You'll just need to make sure that mobile data is available for the lookup.

Check the portal to make sure there is sufficient data available and that data is switched on in the portal.

If you're yet to set up location tracking, you can follow our step-by-step guides here:

<https://parentshield.co.uk/setting-up-your-childs-iphone/>

<https://parentshield.co.uk/the-ultimate-guide-to-setting-up-google-family-link-for-your-childs-phone/>

If you're on Safe Stage 1, you can upload some cash balance to use for data. Lots of parents

keep data switched off in the portal, and then when they want to locate the phone, switch data on, locate the phone, and then switch it back off again.

Now test it.

#### 5. Make sure it's fully charged!

One of the most frustrating things is getting everything set up for them so they're all ready to go... and then the battery dies! They can't call you, you can't call them, and location tracking is out of the window.

#### 6. Look for Back to School SIM only deals and offers

If you've not already got a Back-to-school SIM only deal for your Childs phone, you can get a range of voucher codes on the [ParentShield Voucher Codes](#) page

As it is a Mobile Network and SIM card, ParentShield is not restricted by the constraints of individual devices. The only way a signal will be interrupted is if the entire network fails or if the user puts their smartphone on airplane mode. However, if they do that, they won't be able to share text messages or calls with other people.

The child-safe and family-friendly roaming SIM has quickly established itself as a major hit with parents of pre-teens and teenagers alike. And because they can stay connected, many kids love it too.

#### 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.

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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