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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 bought 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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