

Should mobile phones be banned in schools?

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How would you cope if you weren't allowed your mobile phone in school?

Although some schools here in the UK already have that rule, in France it's now the law. It means mobile phones can't be used in primary and junior schools there. It affects pupils from when they start school until they are around 15 years old. Tablets and smart watches are also banned.

The French Government says it's decided to bring in the new law to help stop pupils being distracted by phones during class. It's also hoped it will help kids make friends more easily and be more physically active at break time, as well as helping to tackle online bullying.

Not everyone in France is in favour of the ban though. Some people have questioned how it will be enforced as the French government says schools can decide how to implement the new rules.

It's recommended that students' phones are stored in lockers during the day, but not all schools have lockers. Some schools in the UK already have their own rules on mobile phone use.

• Understanding the Text

1. **Explain what this article is about.**

2. **Explain the new law in France. (3)**

What is this new law?

3. **Why did the French government make this new law? (3)**

What are their reasons for bringing in this law?

4. **What problem will some schools have with this new law? (2)**

• Your view

1. a) **What website does this article come from? (1)**

b) **What kind of article is this? (2)**

c) **Where would you find this kind of article**

2. **Do you think this new law is a good idea? Explain why or why not. (4)**

Think about how you use your phone during the school day.

3. **Come up with a list of good and bad things about this new law. (6)**

