

## Should mobile phones be allowed in school? By Nutaila Mohammed

Recently in the past few years, mobile phones have become more popular for young children: 9 out of 10 children in the UK own a mobile phone. Studies show that 2 out of 3 children bring their phone to school. Some people love the idea of mobile phones being allowed in school; others say it would be inappropriate.

Citizens who love the idea of mobile phones being allowed in school suggest that they could be allowed for videoing. Therefore, if they record the teacher teaching and their parents enquire what they have been learning then they can show them the video. Another reason is they might forget how to do a particular method and it is in your homework you can watch it over and over again until you learn it. On the other hand, someone could use videos in an inappropriate way such as, people could take a video and something bad could end up in there and if they post it online people could make abusing comments.

Children could also contact parents in an emergency: if pupils have forgotten their P.E

kit they can call/text them to bring it for them. Also if they get lost children could text their parents the address so they can collect them. Another reason is, if school is shut earlier and their parents have not got a text they could pick them up on the right time. But other people say, the mobile phone can get stolen in many ways like someone could threaten for it, they can drop it last but not least somebody could take it from your bag.

On the safe side of mobile phones they could use it for educational use. Use for research and they can put a reminder of homework or stopwatch instead of I pad and laptops. Some people think it is a horrible distraction in lessons like they can play games and if the phone rings they can stop the whole class just to answer and pupils would not learn.

Schools should have to balance this wish for children having to bring their mobile phones to school, while it would be a bad reason because it might get stolen if password free. So schools should thoroughly think if children under the age of 16 should have a phone in school.