



Scoil San Treasa

No Smartphone Code Update September 2026

The Parents Association of Scoil San Treasa, with the support of the school community, is continuing our voluntary No Smartphone Code for our fourth year.

The initiative began following consultation with parents across the school in 2022, with a very high proportion of parents/guardians SST expressing support for a parent-led voluntary code. The aim has always been simple: to support families in delaying smartphone ownership and access for as long as until their child has finished primary school.

We recognise that smartphones and technology have an important role in children's lives and in education. This initiative is not about being anti-technology. It is about giving our children the opportunity to enjoy their primary school years without the additional pressures and challenges that can come with smartphones, social media and the wider online world.

What are we asking parents to commit to?

By signing up to the SST No Smartphone Code, parents/guardians are agreeing not to purchase or provide their child with a smartphone during their time in primary school.

The intention is that, by making this commitment together as a school community, parents can help to remove some of the pressure children may feel to have a smartphone simply because their friends have one.

This is a voluntary, parent-led agreement. Every family has different circumstances, and parents remain free to withdraw from the Code if their circumstances or views change. There are no implications for families who choose not to participate.

What counts as a smartphone?

For the purpose of this Code, a smartphone is a device that can connect to the internet and allows the user to access online content, including social media.

The Code therefore does not include basic mobile phones that do not provide internet or social media access. Families who feel their child needs a way to contact them can therefore consider alternatives such as an older-style mobile phone.

Why are we continuing the Code?

The Code is intended to support parents who may otherwise find themselves under pressure to provide a smartphone or allow access to social media. By making this decision collectively, we can create a stronger environment where children are not singled out for being among the few without a smartphone. Instead, we are making a shared commitment to delay smartphone ownership and allow our children to remain children for a little longer.

The original Code recognised concerns around the impact of smartphones and social media on children's social, emotional and educational wellbeing, and sought to delay access until children are more mature and better equipped to navigate the online world.

How will the 2026/27 sign-up work?

This year, we are making it easier for families to participate by using Aladdin to record support for the Code.

Parents/guardians can sign up by completing the relevant Aladdin form and confirming that they agree to the No Smartphone Code. The information will be used to understand participation in the initiative across the class groups and to help us continue to support a strong whole-school approach.

A commitment we make together

The strength of the SST No Smartphone Code comes from families making the commitment together.

We hope that, for the fourth year of the initiative, families across SST will continue to support one another in giving our children the time and space to enjoy childhood without the pressures of smartphone ownership and social media.

Thank you for supporting our school community and for considering making this commitment with us.