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Smartphone Free Event

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the wellbeing and development of all our students, we are pleased to share details of an upcoming local event exploring children's relationships with smartphones.

At Bohunt School Worthing, we are moving towards becoming a smartphone free school by 2027. This step reflects our belief in creating an environment where students can focus fully on learning, and the use of healthy screen time and smart technology as a learning tool. Smartphone free approaches improve learning, relationships, and personal growth, free from the distractions and pressures that come with smartphone use.

To support families in preparing for this transition, we are sharing details of a community event you may wish to attend:

Let's Talk About Kids and Smartphones

Date: Thursday 23rd October 2025

Time: 6:30–8:30pm (doors open at 6:00pm)

Venue: Shoreham Academy, Kingston Lane, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 6YT

Guest Speakers Include:

- Mandy Marshall-Taylor – Panel Host, Naked Truth Project Associate

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- DCI Luke Kyriakides-Yeldham – Sussex Police Online Child Abuse Team
- Dr Eleanor Mason – West Sussex NHS GP
- Mr David Smith – Headteacher, Fulham Boys School (pioneered smartphone free education)
- Tom Rutland MP – Member of Parliament for East Worthing and Shoreham

This open, non judgemental discussion will explore the impact of smartphones on young people's wellbeing, safety, and mental health. There will also be opportunities to discover practical alternatives to smartphones for children, including simple "calls-and-texts" handsets, SIMs, and GPS trackers as part of the "Try Before You Buy" showcase.

For more information or to book a free place, please visit:

👉 smartphonefreechildhood.org

👉 [Event booking link](#)

We encourage parents and carers to attend and learn how to help children take a healthy, balanced approach to mobile phone use — both now and as we move towards a smartphone-free school community.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us give every student the best possible start in life.

With best wishes,

Mr. Paul Collin
Headteacher

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