



# Mobile phones

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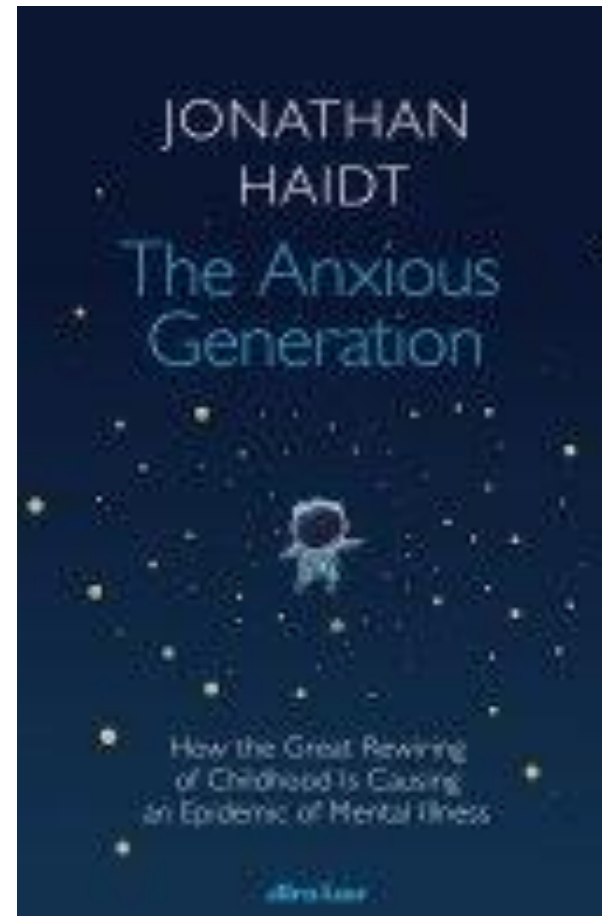


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# Mobile phones in schools

Guidance for schools on prohibiting the use of mobile phones throughout the school day

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# The 'Why'

Every school has a duty to create an environment that is calm, safe and free from distraction so all pupils, whatever their background, can learn and thrive.

One in five pupils have experienced bullying online.

Three in ten pupils cite making and maintaining friendships and their mental health as a cause of worry, anxiety or depression.

Removing mobile phones at school creates an environment that is safer and protects students not only from the short-term distraction of a notification but also the background noise of their lives outside school.

# The 'Why'

Increased levels of anxiety amongst "Gen Z"

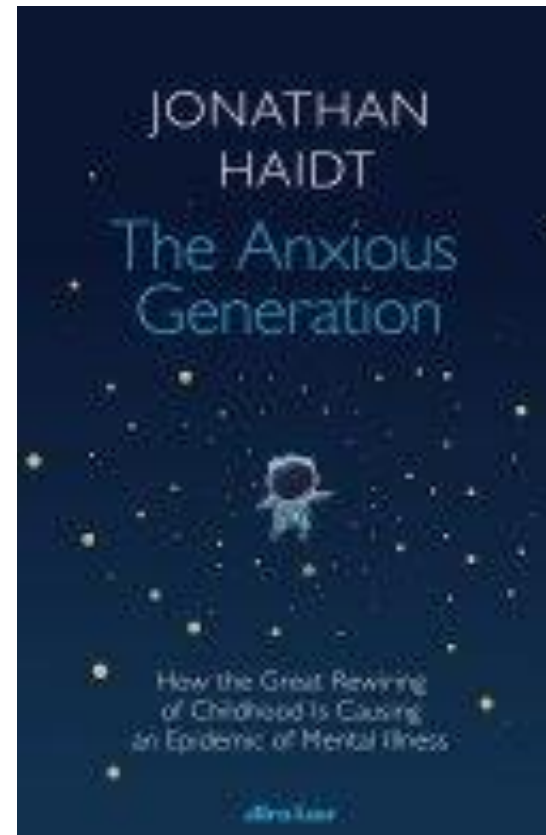
The dark side of social media.

- Notifications
- Curated posts

The decline of community

The importance of self-care

Helicopter parenting



# Our current approach

- “If the phone’s on show, it’s got to go”
- Mobile phones cannot be used in the Academy without staff discretion.
- Visible mobile phones are confiscated and placed in the office for collection at the end of the day.

# The 'How'

- No mobile phones on school premises
- Mobile phone handed in on arrival
- Mobile phones kept in secure location, which the student does not access throughout the school day
- Never used, seen or heard

# Our intentions - proposal

- Never used, seen or heard.
- Visible mobile phones will be confiscated and locked away for 1 calendar week or the parent can collect the phone.