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Taken from post on Facebook.

Dear Parents,

We continue to be distressed at our pupils' use of smart phones. Only today we have had further incidences where parents have been left shocked and surprised at what their children have been accessing and sending. But did you know both Apple and Android (Samsung) phones have a feature where you can control and limit your child's phone/ipad from your own device? Both allow you to manage the following:

- *How much time they spend on their device each day
- *The hours to and from they can access their device (e.g. you can block them from using it after 7pm)
- *Limit how much game time they have e.g. one hour a day then gaming apps will be blocked
- *Limit how many minutes a day they can access YouTube (and block explicit content including swearing)
- *Limit which apps they are allowed to use including blocking social media such as Snapchat and TikTok
- *Control what they can access online
- *Limit which apps they install
- *Limit who they can contact
- *Access their physical location (also useful if a phone goes missing)
- *Prevent them from purchasing online.

For Apple phones, this is a built-in feature called 'Screen Time.' There is a guide available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/.../parental-control...>

For Android/Samsung, a piece of software needs to be installed called Google Family Link. More information can be found here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/.../parental-control...>

Please do not assume that everything is fine with your child's access. Several parents have been left very upset this year over their child's phone use. We understand why several families provide their children with phones and we hope the use of such apps will support you in keeping them safe - especially those who are about to go to secondary school. Thanks

Mr D Huntingford