



新学期开始之后，很多刚刚度过暑假的学生会带着智能手机重返校园。研究显示，现在有很多小学生都有自己的手机，但说到底，这种新时代的产物究竟是帮助学习和交流的绝佳工具，还是会大大分散孩子们的注意力？

According to Internet Matters, around 72 per cent of children in Year 7 now have a smartphone. Of the 2,000 parents surveyed by the group, almost 60 per cent believe pupils shouldn't carry the **device** with them during the day, although 49 per cent were **in favour** of children being allowed to bring phones to and from school.

据英国非盈利机构 Internet Matters 称，现有约 **72%** 的七年级（相当于国内的初一）儿童有智能手机。在该组织调查的两千名家长中，几乎 **60%** 都认为小学生不应该整天随身携带该设备，虽然有 **49%** 赞成学校应允许孩子们带手机上下学。

In France, the government has **intervened**, approving a total **ban** on mobile use for pupils up to the age of 15. But here, some head teachers allow the **controlled use** of smartphones in class, **maintaining** that with budgets under constant pressure, they're an invaluable **supplementary** learning tool.

法国政府已参与此事，通过了一项完全禁止十五岁以下小学生使用手机的法令。但在英国，一些校长允许学生在课上适当地使用智能手机，并坚称在预算长期吃紧的情况下，手机是一件非常宝贵的补充学习工具。

1. 词汇表

device	设备
in favour	赞同
intervened	干预了，干涉了
ban	禁令
controlled use	有节制的使用
maintaining	坚称
supplementary	补充的

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

1. True or false? *More than half of parents surveyed thought pupils should have their smartphones with them during the day.*

2. What did 49 per cent of parents surveyed agree with?

3. When can pupils at French schools use their smartphones?

4. Why might school budgets in the UK mean head teachers allow smartphones to be used in class?

3. 答案

1. True or false? *More than half of parents surveyed thought pupils should have their smartphones with them during the day.*

False. Of the 2,000 parents surveyed, almost 60 per cent (more than half) believe pupils shouldn't carry the device with them during the day.

2. What did 49 per cent of parents surveyed agree with?

49 per cent of parents surveyed were in favour of children being allowed to bring phones to and from school.

3. When can pupils at French schools use their smartphones?

They can only use them outside school because the French government has approved a total ban on mobile use for pupils up to the age of 15.

4. Why might school budgets in the UK mean head teachers allow smartphones to be used in class?

Some head teachers say budgets are under constant pressure - so they are limited and always being controlled so there is not much spare money to provide equipment.