



To buy a smartphone?

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I have received a few emails this week (w/c 26 June 2017) about the appropriate age to buy a young person a smartphone. Even if every child you know has a smartphone, please keep reading.

The more we are all thinking and talking about this, the better the solutions we will find. Data shows that younger and younger children are getting smartphones —what is too young?

I came across a campaign called "[Wait Until 8th](#)", which is a movement in the US urging parents to sign a pledge saying they will not give their child a smartphone until 8th Grade (age 13-14 in the UK). To encourage peer support, the pledge takes effect once 10 families in a community or school sign it. [Their website](#) is worth having a look at. They offer practical reasons for not giving smartphones to children before 8th grade.

Watch this space, this maybe something we explore further...