

# "Smartphones in Schools," *Independent School Management*

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In a recent article for *Independent School Management*, Partners Lucy Blake and Will Weaver discuss the Safer Phones Bill, which calls for parental consent to be required before platforms can obtain data from children under 16.

Lucy and Will noted that the UK is not alone in passing and considering new legislation and refer to the UK Online Safety Act, EU Digital Services Act and US Kids Online Safety Act. Lucy and Will commented that “policing the internet requires a global effort” and that “consistency is key”. They added that regulators should work together to provide “tangible and actionable direction to help global companies navigate their legal requirements, so they can work with the governments to ensure a more secure digital world for young people.”

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