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77% of Pocket-lint readers say under 10s shouldn't have phones

Kids should be kids?

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Turns out that you lot aren't too keen on the idea of kids having phones. Maybe it's due to noisy encounters on the top deck of buses, or fears of happy-slapping, but 77% of you say that under-10s shouldn't be allowed mobile phones.

The arguments against are numerous. Aside from the noise and happy-slapping concerns, there's also the questions of who pays the bills, whether kids' brains are more susceptible to radiation, and fears of mobile bullying.

On the other hand though, equipping your sprog with a mobile phone lets you keep track of them, gives them some independence, and - well - why shouldn't they be able to do what they want?

We'd be interested in hearing the rationale behind your opinion. Should kids have phones, and if not, why not? Drop us a line in the comments.

