

# What is the right time to give your child a cellphone?



Here are some questions to consider:



Do your kids show a sense of responsibility, such as letting you know when they leave the house? Do they show up when they say they will?

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Do your kids tend to lose things, such as backpacks or homework folders? If so, expect they might lose a phone.

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Do your kids need to be in touch for safety reasons?

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Would having easy access to friends benefit them for social reasons?

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Do you think they will use a cellphone responsibly--for example, not texting after they have gone to bed or disturbing others with their phone conversations?

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Can they stick to limits you set for when, where, and how long they can use the phone?

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Will they use text, photo, and video functions responsibly and not to embarrass or harass others?

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***The right age to give kids their first cellphone is really up to you. Age isn't as important as your child's maturity level, ability to follow rules at home and school and sense of responsibility as well as your own family's needs.***

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