**Communication Task: Writing**

**Year 7 Discursive Writing Planning Sheet**

**Discussion point**

Should children be banned from owning mobile phones? I personally do not think they should.

**Overview**: General opening statement about the popularity/predominance/use of mobile phones in our daily lives

Mobile phones can be a modern-day necessity: staying in touch with friends and family, school related things, emergency contact and expressing themselves creatively are just some of the reasons why I think children should be allowed mobile phones.

 **Reasons in favour of this argument**

 Sometimes just owning a mobile phone can save the day. When children get older, they might be allowed to stay home alone. Maybe to babysit a younger sibling, or maybe because their parents feel they are responsible enough to stay at home without an adult. But what if there was a fire or some other emergency? If that child did not have a mobile phone, they would have no way to contact their parent or guardian, the police, the firefighters or any other emergency contact. But if that child did, then three simple numbers could have saved the day.

 Some of today’s children are extremely creative. Well, there are many apps on mobile phones are designed to share your creative qualities. Some of these apps are made for a certain reason but many people on them think outside the box. These people make amazing art out of words, sounds and songs. And I think children who have those artistic qualities should kept from sharing their exquisite hobbies or talents with the world.

***Remember the PEE rule!***

***P*** *-Make a point concisely and clearly*

***E****- Give evidence to support your point*

***E****-Explain your thoughts in detail regarding this point*

 Moving away from everything that you know can be scary but staying in contact with old friends can make it a lot easier for a kid. Lots of kids move to a different place at some point in their life. I know from experience that when you first arrive it’s hard to make new friends, but I talked with old friends almost every day and that almost always made me feel better.



