

---

Madonna says mobiles ruined her relationship with her kids

05/05/2019



Madonna says giving her children mobile phones ruined her relationship with them - and hints she is pinning all her hopes on just one of her brood.

The 60-year-old music icon opened up to the latest edition of British Vogue where she waxed lyrical about her four-decade strong career, achievements and ambitions.

She also discussed the struggles she has faced as a musical artist - and a mother - making candid revelations about her life at home.

During her chat, Madge expressed regret at giving her children mobile phones - and claims her relationships with them suffered as a consequence as she discussed being mother to 22-year-old daughter Lourdes Leon (from her romance with Cuban dancer Carlos Leon), 18-year-old son Rocco Ritchie (from her failed marriage to Guy Ritchie), and adopted children Mercy, 13, David, 13, and six-year-old twin girls Ester and Stelle (all from Malawi).

"I'm going to stick that one out for as long as possible, because I made a mistake when I gave me older phones when they were 13," Madonna told the magazine - saying she has banned David from having one.

"It ended my relationship with them, really. Not completely, but it became a very very big part of their lives. They became too inundated with imagery and started to compare themselves with other people, and that's really bad for self-growth," the Material Girl singer said.

Madonna went on to suggest she is closest to her adopted son, David, and thinks they have the most in common.

"What David has more than anything is focus and determination. I'm pretty sure he got it from me. He's the one I have the most in common with," she said, adding: "I feel like he gets me - he has more of my DNA than any of my children so far."

She also had gushing words to say about her eldest child, Lourdes, saying she is a great actress, musician, and dancer - but then cuttingly added: "But she doesn't have the same drive."

There has long been controversy surrounding Madonna and her children.

---