

Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy



Scoil Úna Naofa

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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT AND RATIONALE:

Introductory Statement:

This policy was drawn up in response to technological advances, which have seen a significant increase in the number of mobile phones and other handheld electronic devices amongst pupils over recent years.

Rationale:

- Mobile/smart phones, tablets, handheld computer games are intrusive and distracting in a school environment.
- Strategies must be put in place to reduce the intrusiveness of unauthorised technology in school.
- Mobile phones and other electronic devices may be used to conduct bullying campaigns.

RELATIONSHIP TO SCHOOL ETHOS:

The use of mobile phones and other electronic devices contravenes the provision of a safe and secure school environment and is not conducive to learning - a provision which is central to the mission statement and ethos of Scoil Úna Naofa.

AIM:

- To lessen intrusions on and distractions to, children's learning.
- To discourage cyber-bullying.

INTERNAL SCHOOL PROCEDURES:

The following are the guidelines for mobile phone/electronic games usage in the school;

- Children are not allowed to use mobile phones/electronic devices during school hours.

- The Board of Management advises that no mobile phones or electronic devices are brought in to school, without exception.
- Children who need to contact home during school hours may do so through the school secretary using the school landline phone.
- Any pupil found in possession of a mobile phone or electronic device in school will have their phone or device confiscated. It will then be available for collection at the school office by parents/guardians only.
- Staff members have access to the school landline if urgent calls need to be made to parents.

NOTE: No responsibility will be taken for damage to any mobile phone/ electronic device found on school premises by the school authorities.

RATIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION

This policy was devised in January 2018 and was ratified by the Board of Management, following consultation with the school community, at their meeting on 22nd February, 2018.

TIMETABLE FOR REVIEW

The next review will take place during the school year 2019/20.