



Dunboyne Senior Primary School

Personal Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy

Introductory Statement:

This policy was drawn up in response to technological advances, which have seen a significant increase in hand held electronic devices amongst the school population over recent years.

Rationale:

- All personal mobile phones and hand – held electronic devices are intrusive and distracting in a school environment.
- Strategies must be put in place to prevent the intrusiveness of unauthorised technology in a school situation.
- Some electronic devices may be harmful due to frequent use.
- Mobile phones 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 to conducive learning – a provision which is central to the mission statement and ethos of Dunboyne Senior Primary School.

Aim:

- To prevent intrusions on and distractions to pupils' learning.

Internal School Procedures:

The following are the guidelines for mobile phone/electronic device usage in Dunboyne Senior Primary school:

- Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones or electronic devices into school. The Board of Management may allow mobile phones in exceptional circumstances.
- Pupils are not allowed the use of mobile phones/electronic devices during school hours.
- Pupils who need to contact home during school hours may do so through the school secretary using the school landline phone.
- All electronic devices are banned.
- Any pupil who brings a mobile phone or electronic device to school risks having it confiscated and not returned until the school day is over.
- Staff has access to the school landline if urgent calls need to be made to parents.
- Classroom supervision is organised if a class teacher has to contact other professionals or outside agencies in relation to a particular pupil.
- Staff personal calls are normally confined to break times.
- Staff is only permitted mobile phone use in the case of emergencies.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The staff and parents share in the co-ordination and implementation of this policy.

Evaluation:

This policy is monitored on an ongoing basis and amendments added as new technology comes on stream.

Ratification:

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on: _____

Signed:

Chairperson.

Board of Management.