



## Mobile Phone and Electronic Device 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:

- Strategies must be put in place to reduce the intrusiveness of unauthorised technology in a school situation
- Some electronic devices may be harmful due to frequent use
- Mobile phones and other devices may be used to conduct bullying campaigns

### Relationship to School Ethos:

The use of mobile phones and other electronic devices by students contravenes the provision of a safe and secure school environment and is not conducive to learning – which is central to the mission statement and ethos of Scoil Mhuire Rosslare.

### Aims:

- To ensure that technology is used only in a positive way in our school environment
- To lessen intrusions on and distractions to children's learning

### Internal School Procedures:

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

- Children are not allowed to use mobile phones/electronic devices during school activities.
- In exceptional circumstances, when children return to school after school hours and parents need to be contacted, children may be allowed carry a phone e.g. returning late from a school tour. All electronic devices must be turned off until teacher gives permission to phone parents only.
- Children who need to contact home during school hours may do so through the school secretary using the school landline phone.
- Any pupil who brings a mobile phone or electronic device to school will be asked by a staff member to submit it to the secretary's office. A parent must collect the device from the school office.

Where a teacher sees a particular electronic device as being an educationally beneficial tool, s/he may request children to bring these devices to school with the permission of the principal and at the children's own risk.



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**Roles and Responsibilities:**

All staff 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.

**Implementation:**

This policy will be implemented immediately.

**Ratification**

This policy was ratified on \_\_\_\_\_ at a Board of Management meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_