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# Mobile Phone Policy

## Tynagh N.S.

### **Introduction and Rationale**

The possession and use of mobile phones by school students is now extensive, even in the primary school sector. Use of mobile phones (particularly with the advent of increasingly sophisticated equipment and camera phones) presents a number of problems, including being a distraction to learning, causing discipline problems or a method of bullying. There are also privacy concerns mainly related to the ability of many phones to take photographs, make video recordings or record.

### **Relationship to Our School Ethos**

The use of mobile phones and other electronic games 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 Tynagh N.S.

### **Aim of Policy**

School Management is introducing a policy which prohibits the use by students of mobile phones while on school premises or involved in school activities such as tours/ trips or extra-curricular activities in order to create a safer environment and to lessen intrusions on and distractions to children's learning.

### **School Procedures**

The use of mobile phones by children who attend the school is not allowed while the children are in the care of the school staff, while at school or on trips from the school. The children should therefore not bring mobile phones to school or when engaging in school-related activities and therefore the school will accept no responsibility for replacing mobile phones that are lost, stolen or damaged.

Mobile phones which are found in the school should be handed to the principal.

### **Inappropriate Conduct and Sanctions**

Any student whose phone is seen or heard by a staff member, whether or not the phone is switched on, is liable to have their phone confiscated.

- The phone should be given to the principal. The phone may be collected by the parents. The parent who collects the phone must agree to enforce the mobile phone policy with the child who owns the phone.

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## **Responsibility:**

It is the responsibility of Parents, Staff and Children to adhere to this policy. Any student who is feeling unwell at school and needs to go home, or who needs to contact their parents for any reason must arrange this through the class teacher.

## **Evaluation:**

This policy is monitored on an ongoing basis.

## **Implementation:**

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 26 January 2015. It was reviewed on 04<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Signed: *Fr. Séamus Bohan*

Date: *04<sup>th</sup> November 2021*

Chairperson Board of Management