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### **Mobile Phone and Digital Device Policy.**

#### **Introduction:**

Smart phones/other such devices such as smart watches (with internet and camera access) are intrusive, inconvenient and distracting in a school setting.

This policy was drawn up in response to technological advances, which have seen a significant increase in hand held electronic devices.

Liability for any smart device brought into school remains that of the owner.

#### **Aim:**

To prevent unwanted intrusions and/or distractions to pupil learning through the use of personal mobile devices, which are not required by the school for educational purposes.

#### **Pupils:**

Personal smart phones, smart watches or other such electronic devices are not to be taken to school, as pupils are not allowed access them during school hours. This includes school tours, football matches etc.

Pupils who need to contact home during school hours may do so through the school office.

Any pupil who brings a smart phone or other such electronic device to school will have it retained by the school until collected by the pupil's parent/guardian.

For Health & Safety reasons, parents will be informed in advance of their child's departure from the school, when a smart phone/other device is being retained and where is not already collected by that parent/guardian.

The possession or use of smart phones or other such devices, or any recording device without the prior permission of the School, during school hours, or while participating in any school related activities will be treated as a serious breach of the school 's Code of Behaviour.

Special Circumstances:

In exceptional circumstances, application in writing outlining those circumstances and stating why it may be necessary to have access to a mobile device must be made by the parent of the student, to the Board of Management, for consideration.

**Staff:**

Staff members have access to the school landline if urgent calls need to be made to parents or other professionals.

Staff personal calls are confined to break times, with the exception of times when staff are on yard duty.

All staff are required to have personal mobile devices/phones on silent during class time.

**Ratification and review:**

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with changes to legislation and /or to technology and in the light of feedback or experience.

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Signed: *Eileen Sheehan*

Chairperson.  
Board of Management.