

**Scoil Naomh Mhuire NS  
Staplestown, Donadea, Co. Kildare**

**Mobile Phone and Electronic Games Policy**

**Introductory Statement:**

This policy was drawn up in response to an increase in the ownership and use of mobile electronic devices amongst the school population over recent years.

**Rationale:**

- To reduce the risk of harm to pupils in accordance with our Child Safeguarding Statement

**Relationship to 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 Scoil Naomh Mhuire NS

**Aims:**

- To ensure a safe learning environment
- To lessen intrusions on and distractions to children's learning

**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 games during school hours
- Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones or electronic games into school
- Children who need to contact home during school hours may do so through the school secretary using the school landline phone
- All electronic gadgets are banned, even during after school activities
- Any pupil who brings a mobile phone or electronic game to school risks having it confiscated and not returned until the school day is over
- Staff have access to the school landline if urgent calls need to be made to parents
- Classroom supervision will be organised if a class teacher has to contact other professionals or outside agencies in relation to a particular child
- Staff personal calls are normally confined to break times
- Staff are permitted mobile phone usage only in cases of emergency

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

All staffs 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.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Signed: Maeve Caldwell  
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: Mary McDowell  
Principal

Date: March 11th, 2019

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Date of next review: March 2021