



KILGARVAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Mobile Phone and Other Electronic Devices Policy

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Background:

Kilgarvan Central School is a rural co-educational school with 5 mainstream class teachers and 2 SET. Our school motto is Fás agus Foghlaim and we aim to support children in developing their talents and skills through providing a wide range of learning experiences. We are a school with a Catholic Ethos

Introductory Statement:

This policy is to ensure the appropriate use by pupils of mobile phones and electronic devices on the school premises.

Rationale:

- Mobile phones and electronic devices may be used to conduct bullying campaigns
- Mobile phones and electronic devices may provide easy access to cameras and the internet giving pupils the opportunity to create, view and/or disseminate inappropriate images for children in primary school.
- (Mobile phones and smart devices with integrated cameras could lead to child protection and data protection issues with regard to inappropriate capture, use or distribution of images)
- Mobile phones and electronic devices are intrusive and distracting in a school environment
- This policy outlines the strategies in place in our school to reduce the intrusiveness of mobile phones and electronic devices in a school situation.

Aims

- To provide a safe school environment
- To lessen intrusions on and distractions to children's learning
- To decrease the opportunity to conduct bullying in any form
- To help prevent inappropriate use of mobile phones / electronic devices in school

Relationship to School Ethos

The use of mobile phones and electronic devices by pupils contravenes the provision of a safe and secure school environment conducive to learning in our primary school.

Internal School Procedures

1. Pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones or electronic devices within the school premises (building and grounds) at any time, with the exception of those specifically approved by the staff for educational or medical purposes.
2. The Board of Management does not accept any responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of any mobile phones or electronic devices on the premises.
3. Mobile phones and electronic devices are not permitted on school trips and during after-school activities on the school premises.
4. Pupils who need to contact home for urgent reasons during school hours may do so by using the school landline or school mobile phone in consultation with a school teacher.
5. Parents who need to contact their child for any reason during the school day may do so by
 - Sending an email their child's class teacher or the school email
 - Sending a text message to the school mobile using text or WhatsApp
 - Making a call to the school mobile or the school landline.
6. Any pupil breaking the procedures will
 - receive a verbal reminder of the school policy for the first offence
 - have their phone confiscated and stored in the school office. The device will be available for collection by a parent.
 - repeated breaches of these procedures will be dealt with under the School Code of Behaviour.

Roles and responsibilities

All staff share in the implementation and monitoring of this policy

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management of Kilgarvan Central School at a meeting on the 15th of April 2024 and is scheduled to be reviewed in 2027.

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Date:

Chairperson, Board of Management

