

# Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy

The purpose of this document is to define the acceptable use of mobile phones and electronic devices at Ardtornish Primary School.

## 1. Introduction

Mobile phones and electronic devices are used by many children on a regular basis. They come with a wide range of functions that could possibly support student learning but at the same time the risk of misuse is very high and monitoring processes are difficult to implement. Hence their use in the school environment is presently not allowed as they represent more of a risk to learning than a benefit.

## 2. Management of student mobile phones

- Mobile phones and electronic devices should not be brought to school.
- If they are brought to school they must be turned off and kept in child's bag. They should not be taken into the classroom
- Students should only make phone calls in school hours via the front office.
- Phone messages from families to children can be made to the front office and they will then be passed on.
- Mobile phones and electronic devices may not be used during school hours. In exceptional circumstances they can only be used after seeking the permission of a staff member.
- Students representing the school outside of school hours can use their mobile phones and electronic devices at the discretion of the supervising adult.
- The school/staff will not be responsible for the loss, theft or damage to any mobile phone or electronic devices.
- Associated Policies: Ardtornish internet, email and IT policy.

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