



## Scoil Áine Mobile Phone & Smart Technology Policy



This policy was reviewed by Senior pupils in the 2023/24 school year. The policy was presented to the following for their thoughts & comments before ratification by the Board of Management:

- The Student Council
- Pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes
- The Parent Council Committee

We understand that mobile phones and other devices are a part of everyday life and often, for safety reasons, children may need to carry one.

However, during the school day, a child does not have need of a mobile phone to call home. The school will contact parents if a child is sick, injured or unhappy.

Once the children enter the school grounds the phone must be **powered off**.

Students with mobile phones are not allowed to:

- Turn on their phone
- Receive calls
- Send any messages
- Go on to social media
- Take photos
- Record videos or voice recordings

If the above rules are broken, the phone will be taken away.

The child's parents will be required to call to the principal teacher's office to collect the phone.

If a child's mobile phone is confiscated two times, the pupil will not be allowed to have a phone in school.

Smart watches, and other smart devices of any type, are not encouraged in school. *Smart devices are devices that can record conversations, receive text messages, track location via GPS, record videos etc.*

If a child wears a smart watch to school, the watch must be used **only as a time piece** during school hours. Pupils must not read text messages, check tracking data, record conversations etc. Watches of this kind are not recommended at school.

**The above applies to all smart devices.** The well-being and privacy of everyone are very important and must be protected.

If a pupil is distracted by their smart device, checking data, recording conversations etc the device will be taken away.

Parents will need to collect the device from the principal teacher's office.

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on 12/03/2024

Signed: *Fr Brian McKittrick*

Fr Brian McKittrick, Chairperson