



# Scoil Mhuire

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## Mobile Phone and Smart Device Policy

For the purpose of this policy, the word device refers to mobile phones, smart watches, tablets and any other electronic devices where videos and photos can be taken or messages can be sent.

The Parent's Association and the teaching staff of Scoil Mhuire were consulted when writing this policy.

Pupils may only bring devices to school with the express written permission of their parents or guardians. (See Appendix 1)

Where a pupil brings a device to school, the device must be switched off upon entering the school grounds in the morning and must be switched off for the entirety of the school day. The phone must be placed in a box in the classroom at the start of the school day and only collected at the end of the day. The device must stay in the box for the entirety of the day. The device may not be used, for any purpose, on school premises, grounds or during off-site school activities (such as school swimming or sports activities).

Pupils who ignore this policy and use a device on school premises without permission will be required to hand over the device to a member of staff and parents will be asked to collect it from the Principal.

If a member of staff has any suspicion that a device has unsuitable material stored on it, pupils will be required to hand over the phone to a teacher and parents will be asked to collect it from the Principal. The Principal reserves the right to search a device where there is a health and safety or child protection concern.

Pupils using devices to bully other pupils or send offensive messages/calls will face disciplinary actions as per the school's Code of Behaviour. It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person. As such, if action as sanctioned by the school in this regard is deemed ineffective, as with all such incidents, the school may consider it appropriate to involve the Gardaí.

The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged devices. The safety and security of devices is wholly a matter for pupils/parents. The school accepts no responsibility for pupils who lose or have their devices stolen while travelling to and from school. Pupils should mark their device clearly with their name.

Devices which are found in the school and whose owner cannot be located should be handed to a member of staff.

This policy was presented to the Board on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2024.

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 24.

Signature of the Chairperson of the Board of Management B. A. Ryan

Date: 23/10/24



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## Appendix 1

I permit my child \_\_\_\_\_ to bring his/her device to school.

I agree to the terms and conditions of the Scoil Mhuire Mobile Phone and Smart Device Policy.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_