



Introductory Statement

This policy was drawn up in response to technological advances which have seen a significant increase in hand held electronics ‘gadgets’ amongst the school population over recent years.

Rationale

It is recognised that mobile phones can be intrusive and distracting in all situations and particularly in schools. It is also a concern on the grounds of Health and Safety.

Pupils

Scoil Mocheallóg does not allow the pupils to have mobile phones or other electronics ‘gadgets’ in their possession in school.

However, if a pupil needs to bring a mobile phone to school they do so **at their own risk** and must have a note from parent /guardian.

The phone is handed to the class teacher when the student is coming into class during the day. The pupil asks the teacher for the phone at the end of the school day.

If pupils fail to hand up the phone and it comes to the attention of the teacher parents will be contacted.

The school will take no responsibility if mobile phones are missing.

Staff

The use of Mobile phones by staff for essential calls is kept to a minimum.

Roles and Responsibilities

All the staff share in the co-ordination and implementation of this policy.

Ratification

The policy was ratified by the BOM in 2014.

Signature: Canon William Fitzmaurice
Chairperson of Board of Management.

Date: 06-05-2014