

KILKENNY PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOBILE PHONE & ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Rationale

The use of telecommunications technology has now become the norm rather than the exception for many of our families. Students, parents and teachers are accessing this facility in increasing numbers.

Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distraction or disruption. Therefore the school discourages the bringing of Mobile Telephones to school by students but we accept there are times when it might be deemed important. We are therefore prepared to allow them on the premises only within the parameters of this policy and only when it is deemed necessary by parents.

Parents are not to contact students by mobile phone. If parents need to urgently contact a student they are to follow normal procedure and contact the school who will then contact and support the student as necessary.

If these procedures have not been followed, the phone will be confiscated from the student and parents notified. Arrangements will be made with the parent for the phone to be collected.

Exemptions from the expectations of this policy can only be approved by the Principal and then only in exceptional circumstances.

Students

The Governing Council recommends that students do not have a mobile phone while at school.

Students remain responsible for all their personal effects while at school. When students enter the school grounds, the school takes no responsibility for mobile phones. The school **will not** be involved in disputes and/or investigations over damage, loss or theft.

If your child has a mobile phone at school, they are asked to keep it in their bag and turned off at all times.

Students are not permitted to take photos of other students with their phones.

Parent contact with students can be made directly on fixed landline phones and messages accessed through the front office.

The communication technology plan includes the placement of phone outlets in all classroom areas for urgent messages to be left for the teacher in classrooms.

Staff

Teaching and support staff have access to a school mobile phone when required for excursions and camps.

All users are to switch their phones to mute or discreet when in buildings, including meetings, interviews and classrooms, unless pre-arranged with the Principal.

Both incoming and outgoing calls are not acceptable during class teaching and learning times unless prior arrangements have been made with the Principal.

Parents, visitors and contractors

All users are to switch their phones to mute or discreet when in buildings, including meetings, interviews and classrooms.

All parents and visitors are requested to take and make mobile calls outside teaching and learning areas.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Use of electronic devices (Eg; game boys, MP3, CD players etc)

The school is concerned about all articles or devices brought into the classroom that create a disruption to valuable learning time.

Therefore, all electronic devices, other than mobile phones, are **banned** from the school. The school takes no responsibility for electronic devices.

To avoid confiscation of electronic devices please help at home by advising your child on what they should or shouldn't bring to school. If these procedures have not been followed, the electronic device will be confiscated from the student and parents notified. Arrangements will be made with the parent for the device to be collected.