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# Mobile Phone Policy

## Introductory Statement

This policy was devised and formulated by the school community, involving Board of Management, parents and staff of St. Patrick's S.N.S., in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Education and Skills and the Catholic Primary Schools Management Association.

## Ethos

St. Patrick's S.N.S. is a co-educational primary school, which strives to provide a well ordered, caring, happy and secure atmosphere where the intellectual, spiritual, physical, moral and cultural needs of the pupils are identified and addressed. While respect is paid to all religious and/or value systems, St. Patrick's S.N.S. is a Catholic school under the patronage of the Archbishop of Dublin.

## Compliance with School Ethos

This policy complements the school ethos of nurturing potential in a caring environment where the welfare of children is paramount.

## Guidelines

- It is school policy to ban the use of mobile phones in any way or for any purpose by pupils in the school during school hours or while participating in any school related activities. All communication devices are also strictly prohibited.
- Essential contact with home can be facilitated through the school.
- Where a parent deems it necessary for reasons of security etc that his/her child takes a mobile phone to school, the pupil must ensure that the phone is turned off and out of sight during school hours. Liability for the safe keeping of any phone brought into school remains that of the owner.
- If a phone rings or is used in any fashion during school hours, it will be confiscated and retained by the class teacher until the end of the school day on the first occasion. If this happens a second time the phone will be retained in the principal's office until collected by a Parent/Guardian. For Health & Safety reasons, parents will be informed in advance of their child's departure from the school where a phone needs to be retained.
- The use of mobile phones without the prior permission of the teacher or any recording device, during school hours, or while participating in any school related activities will be treated as a serious breach of school discipline.
- In the event of any unsuitable recording occurring all interested parties will be requested to present themselves to the school.

## Ratification, Communication, Implementation and Review

A copy of the draft Mobile Phone Policy was made available to all members of staff and to the Board of Management. The suggestions/proposals arising were considered by the Policy Committee in finalizing this

policy.

The draft policy was subsequently reviewed and formally ratified by the Board of Management on \_\_\_\_\_.

After the Board of Management ratification, the policy was made available on the shared teacher drive on the school IT network to all teaching staff members. Parents were made aware of the existence and availability of the policy by means of School Newsletter and this policy is also included on the St. Patrick's S.N.S. website at [www.stpatsns.ie](http://www.stpatsns.ie)

The plan will be implemented by the teachers and special needs assistants supported by the Board of Management from \_\_\_\_\_.

It will be reviewed every \_\_\_ years.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson of the Board of Management

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

