

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

1. RATIONALE:

The use of mobile phones in class can be disruptive to the learning environment of students and are not permitted. Therefore children are not permitted to bring such devices to school.

The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Staff and students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

2. AIMS:

- 2.1 To ensure that children are safe from inappropriate use of mobile phones, e.g. receiving inappropriate text messages, being photographed without consent and being cyber bullied
- 2.2 To eliminate disruptions caused by ring tones and children responding to calls during instruction times
- 2.3 To ensure valuable electronic communication devices are not lost or damaged

3. IMPLEMENTATION:

- 3.1 This policy will be referred to as part of the school's enrolment process.
 - a. In the event that a child brings a mobile phone to school, the child and parents will be referred to this policy
 - b. Mobile phones brought to school will be stored at the Assistant Principals' office. Such devices will be collected from the Assistant Principals' office by the parent or guardian.

4. EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.