

# Scoil Dairbhre

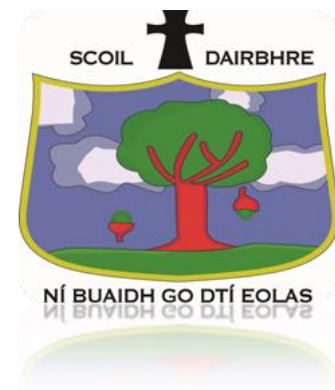
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## Mobile Phone Policy

For health and safety reasons children are not allowed to have mobile phones at school.

### **Rationale**

Scoil Dairbhre mobile phone policy promotes a healthy and safe environment for all our pupils.

### **Aims**

- To encourage children to communicate safely with one another.
- To protect children in school from possible cyber-bullying
- To combat the growing social problem of text and photo bullying.

### **Content Organisation**

- Each parent is made aware of the mobile phone policy on admission to school and all policies can be found at <http://www.darverns.ie/our-school/policies/>
- Lessons will be taught at all class levels as part of S.P.H.E. programmes on the possible dangers of texting and bullying (Please see our AUP).
- If seen, phones and iPods will be confiscated and handed to Assistant Principal.
- These confiscated items must be collected by a parent from the principal.
- For health and safety reasons pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones, iPods or cameras during school tours and sporting activities.
- In cases of emergency parents may contact the school on 042-9372980

### **Guidelines**

#### **Parent Support**

- Encourage children to be careful while using mobile phones at home. (See our AUP guidelines)
- Parents can promote a healthy attitude towards mobile phone usage.

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## Teacher Support

- Teachers can alert children to the fun and also the potential dangers of texting.
- Teachers and pupils can discuss social attitude to mobile phones and texting during planned SPHE lessons.

## Pupils can help themselves

- Pupils can give good example to their family and friends.
- Pupils can ensure that they leave mobile phones and ipods at home.
- Pupils can support each other to implement the mobile phone policy.

## Success Criteria

The success of the guidelines will be assessed by:

- Teacher observation of their implementation.
- Parent satisfaction and feedback.
- Pupil satisfaction and feedback.

## Timeframe for Review

- A review of the effectiveness, usefulness and implementation of the guidelines will take place in 2015.

## Responsibility for Review

- A group of pupils, parents and teachers working together under the auspices of the H.S.E. co-ordinator will review these guidelines.

## Ratification and Communication

- Staff and the Board of Management, agreed the guidelines.