

Glencraig Integrated Primary School



POLICY ON THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES

Date: September 2017

Annual Coordinator Review: June 2018

Full Review Date: 2022

Approved by Board of Governors: _____

School Mission Statement

At Glencraig Integrated Primary School we aspire to maximise the skills and talents of our pupils in a happy and caring environment, enabling them to become fulfilled and responsible citizens.

General School Aims

We endeavour to:

- provide and encourage an atmosphere of acceptance and mutual respect for those within the school community, from all religious, non-religious, social and cultural backgrounds as well as for those of differing abilities and needs
- create a happy, secure, stimulating environment in which all pupils can learn effectively and become clear, confident communicators
- present children with a variety of challenging, activity based learning experiences incorporating all areas of study required by the Northern Ireland Curriculum
- encourage children to recognise the value of developing a healthy mind and body and to foster, within each child, a positive self image
- encourage parents to play a constructive and positive role in the school
- place the school at the heart of the local community

Purpose

Mobile phones are an important modern day communication tool. However, they can easily be improperly used, invade the privacy of others, or be lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed. Our policy on the use of mobile phones aims to create a safe environment in school but also allows for pupils to become more responsible as they get older.

Guidelines:-

- Pupils are not permitted to bring their mobile phones to school or any other school activity.
- Only in exceptional circumstances and with the prior permission of the principal will exceptions be made.
- Where permission is granted the phone must be switched off at all times during the school day and kept in a secure pocket of the child's school bag and not removed during the school day.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged pupil phones.
- Pupil phones must not be used whilst on school property during the school day 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Pupils who have permission for a phone to be in school and found misusing their phone at school or causing a nuisance will have their phone stored in the school office until collected by a parent/guardian
- The principal may revoke a pupil's permission to bring a mobile phone to school.
- Pupils who bring a phone to school without prior approval will have their phone stored in the school office until collected by a parent/guardian
- Under no circumstances may a pupil be in possession of a mobile phone on an educational visit/residential
- Students who bring a mobile phone on an educational visit/residential will have the phone immediately confiscated and may be sent home.

Ratified by Governors:- 11th November 2009