

Scoil Dean Cussen Mobile Phone Policy

Introductory Statement:

This policy was drawn up in response to technological advances, which have seen a significant increase in mobile phone usage amongst the school population over recent years.

Rationale:

- Mobile phones are intrusive and distracting in a school environment
- Strategies must be put in place to reduce the intrusiveness of unauthorised technology in a school situation
- Some electronic devices may be harmful due to frequent use
- Mobile phones may be used to conduct bullying campaigns

Relationship to School Ethos:

The use of mobile phones contravenes the provision of a safe and secure school environment and is not conducive to learning - a provision which is central to the mission statement and ethos of Scoil Dean Cussen.

Aims:

- To reduce the risk of bullying

Internal School Procedures:

The following are the guidelines for mobile phone usage in the school:

- Children are not allowed to use of mobile phones during school hours
- Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones into school.
In exceptional circumstances, such as when out of school activities and after school games are scheduled, school tours etc., children may be allowed carry a phone as parents may need to be contacted.
N.B. This should not be a camera phone.
- Children who need to contact home during school hours may do so through the school secretary using the school landline phone.
- Any pupil who brings a mobile phone to school risks having it confiscated and not returned until the school day is over
- Staff have access to the school landline if urgent calls need to be made to parents
- Staff personal calls are normally confined to break times
- Staff are permitted mobile phone usage only in cases of emergency

Roles and Responsibilities:

All staff share in the co-ordination and implementation of this policy.

Evaluation:

This policy is monitored on an ongoing basis and amendments added as new technology comes on stream.