

St. Attracta's National School

Ballaghaderreen



Mobile Devices Policy

Updated June 2023

Objective

The school aims to provide a happy, safe supportive and inclusive learning environment for all pupils. The purpose of this policy is to clearly set-out and explain the agreed policy regarding pupil use of mobile devices in the school.

A mobile device is defined as a small hand-held electronic device that has a display screen with touch input and/or a QWERTY keyboard and may provide users with functions such as internet access, communication and recording. The term *mobile devices* is used interchangeably (phones, tablets, smart watches) throughout this document.

Mobile Devices and Pupils

Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile devices during the entire school day, inclusive of after school clubs etc. Failure to comply with this policy will result in the confiscation of the device. Parents will be informed. The Code of Behaviour will be implemented.

Confiscated mobile devices will be held securely on site and parents will be required to come to the school and sign for the return of a mobile phone.

Refusal to hand a mobile device over to a staff member, on instruction, will be dealt with through the Code of Behaviour.

Parents wishing to contact their son/daughter are required to do so by making contact with the school office.

Legislation Supporting this Policy

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) May 2018

Data Protection Act 1998

Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2003

Video Recordings Act 1989

Human Rights Act 1998 and the European Convention on Human Rights (if applicable)

This policy was reviewed, updated and ratified by the Ratified by Board of Management (BoM) on 14th June 2023.

Fr. Paul Kivlehan, Chair BoM