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Mobile phone usage Policy SN Chreachmhaoil

Rationale:

Craughwell National School aims to maintain a safe and nurturing learning environment where the personal dignity and rights of all the members of the School community are preserved. The schools mobile phone usage policy accepts that the use of technology and electronic equipment including mobile phones is increasingly part of modern everyday life. The School is conscious of the negative impact that mobile phone use may have on wellbeing and learning within the School. We strive to help students to be present, attentive, and engaged. Students are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. The School also teaches students on the impact of mobile phone use through various programmes in its curriculum. We are conscious that technology in general, including mobile phones, continues to evolve. Our policies will therefore also continue to evolve accordingly. We will continue to consult and research the impact of mobile phone use on members of the School community.

Aims:

- To inform all members of our school community about the appropriate use of mobile phones at our school.
- To outline the schools strategy on this policy.

School's Strategy;

Pupils are not allowed to bring a mobile phone to school, except with special permission from parents and class teacher for exceptional circumstances. In other words, if a child brings a mobile phone to school for use after school the class teacher should be aware of this. The phone must be given to the teacher and collected at the end of the day as the child leaves the school. If a child brings their phone to school without permission, it will be confiscated and kept in the office for a parent to collect. This is intended to eliminate sending nuisance text messages or the unauthorized taking of images with a mobile phone camera, which is in direct breach of the school's acceptable use policy.

Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office remains the first point of contact and can ensure your child is reached quickly and helped in any appropriate way.

The school cannot take responsibility for personal property, such as mobile phones.

Similarly, the use of Smart watches to record or take photos is not allowed.

Staff and Mobile Phone Usage

Staff are required to keep their phones on silent during class time.

In the event of an emergency they can of course take a call.

They are not allowed to take photos of children at any school related activity on their phones. They have the use of a school ipad for recording and showcasing children's work and activities.

Staff in the ASD unit and Staff on yard duty are allowed to keep their phones on in case of an emergency.

Legislation:

This policy is drafted with the following legislation in mind:

- Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2003
- Child Trafficking and Pornography Act 1998
- Interception Act 1993
- Video Recordings Act 1989
- The Data Protection Act 1988
- Child Protection Procedures
- GDPR Data protection act 2018
- Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2013

This revised policy was adopted by the Board of Management on and is subject to review.