



# Toonagh National School

## Mobile Phone Policy

### **Introductory Statement:**

This policy was drawn up in response to technological advances, which have seen a significant increase in hand held electronic 'gadgets' amongst school populations over recent years.

### **Rationale:**

Mobile phones can be intrusive and distracting in school. There may also be possible harmful effects due to frequent use and children could be particularly vulnerable in this regard.

### **Relationship to School Ethos:**

The use of mobile phones and other electronic devices 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 Toonagh National School.

### **Policy Content:**

Pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones in their possession in school or during school organised events such as school tours etc. The children therefore should not bring mobile phones to school. Pupils found to be in breach of this rule will have the phone confiscated. The phone will be returned to the child's parent/guardian on request.

Children may use the school phone to contact parents where necessary and consequently children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school.

It is a matter for all parents to decide on allowing your child access to mobile phones and social media apps outside of school. Pupils will be reminded that Class group chats and online social media groups are discouraged.

### **Implementation and Review:**

This Policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management, as deemed necessary and in line with the school development plan.

### **Ratification:**

This Policy was ratified by the Board of Management of Toonagh National School at its meeting on 28/11/2016.

**Signed:** Marie Slattery      **Date:** 28/11/2016  
(Chairperson, Board of Management)

Donnchadh Kelleher  
(Principal)

**Ratification:**

This Policy was ratified by the Board of Management of Toonagh National School at its meeting on 16/02/2022.

Signed: Marie Slattery      Date: 16/02/2022  
(Chairperson, Board of Management)

Gearóid Roughan  
(Principal)

**Update and Review:**

This Policy was updated and reviewed by the Board of Management of Toonagh National School on 16/12/2024.

Signed: Marie Slattery  
(Chairperson, Board of Management)

Date: 16/12/2024

Gearóid Roughan  
(Principal)