



School Policy concerning the use of Mobile Phones and other electronic devices

The following policy was drawn up in order to ensure the quality of teaching and learning in Scoil Mhuire is not interfered with by the use of mobile phones and other electronic devices.

- Mobile Phones must be switched off and kept out of sight during school hours unless specifically authorised by a teacher for educational purposes.
- The possible misuse of picture/camera mobile phones is an issue of concern to Scoil Mhuire. Any student who misuses a picture/camera phone will be subject to severe sanction and the matter may be referred to the Board of Management.
- Students will leave their mobile phones on their desk or the teacher`s desk when leaving the room to go to the toilet.
- In some circumstances, a student will be asked to leave their phones in the school office for the duration of the school day.
- Parents who need to contact students in the case of **emergency** must do so through the school office at 046 94 31439
- Personal audio devices e.g. I-pods, MP3 players are not to be used on the school premises during school hours unless specifically authorised by a teacher for educational purposes.
- Scoil Mhuire does not accept responsibility for the damage to, or the loss/ theft of mobile phones or personal audio devices.

- Please note that a confiscated phone/ personal audio device is kept for a **minimum of 24 hours and must be collected from the school office.**
- Students who have been granted access to Assistive Technology for educational purposes must sign an agreement to use the technology appropriately.

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