



Westport Educate Together National School

Mobile Phone and Smart Device Policy

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1. Aims and Objectives

The aim of this policy is to:

1. inform all members of our school community about the appropriate use of mobile phones and smart devices at our school.
2. outline the procedures and processes associated with this policy.

2. Definition of Smart Devices:

A smart device is an electronic device, generally connected to other devices or networks via wireless protocols such as Bluetooth, NFC, Wi-Fi, 4G, etc. Examples of smart devices include but are not limited to tablets, mobile phones, smart watches, digital cameras, smart glasses, eBook readers and gaming devices.

3. Guidelines:

The Mobile Phone and Devices Policy is consistent with the school's Code of Good Behaviour, Anti-Bullying, Child Safeguarding, Data Protection and Acceptable Usage Policies. Any inappropriate use of mobile phones and/or smart devices (i.e. any breach of this policy) will be treated in accordance with these policies.

4. Pupils:

Pupils (from all classes) are not permitted to bring a mobile phone or smart device to school, under any circumstances. We ask for parents' co-operation in this matter.

If any pupil brings a mobile phone or smart device to school that item will be confiscated and kept in the office until a parent comes to collect it.

5. Consultation and Communication regarding the Policy:

This policy was drawn up in consultation with staff and parents. The attention of all new families will be drawn to this policy upon registration in the school. All new and temporary staff will be informed of the details of the plan by the Principal or Deputy Principal.

6. Approval of the Policy:

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management. It will be reviewed, as required, to reflect changes in legislation, general school arrangements or in other school policies.