

Gaelscoil na Mí **Polasaí i Leith fón póca & Giúirléidí Leictreonacha**



Mobile Phone & Electronic Device Policy

Réamhráiteas

Mar chúlra don pholasaí seo, tá go leor deacrachtaí ag baint le fón póca na laethanta seo, ach go háirithe ón am a cuireadh ceamara iontu. Má tá fón póca ag páistí ar scoil, tá seans maith nach mbeidh siad ag díriú ar a gcuid oibre scoile. Is féidir leo (fón) fadhbanna bulaíochta agus bulaíocht ar-líne a chothú chomh maith.

Sa chómhtheacs sin, ar leasa na bpáistí, tá an polasaí a leanas forbartha ag an bhfoireann i gcomhpháirtíocht leis an mBord Bainistíochta agus tuismitheoirí na scoile. Mar scoil, mothaímid go bhfuil sé in am dúinn tabhairt faoin méadú suntasach i líon na ngiúirléidí leictreonacha atá ag teacht isteach sa scoil níos minicí.

Réasúnaíocht

- Is féidir le giúirléidí leictreonach ar nós IPod, fón soghluaiste, I pad, Seintteoirí MP3 srl a bheith ionsáiteach agus suaiteach i suíomh scoile.
- Caithfear straitéisí a chur i bhfeidhm chun ionsáiteachas teicneolaíocht nach bhfuil ceadaithe a laghdú sa suíomh scoile.
- Is féidir fón soghluaiste a úsáid chun bulaíocht a dhéanamh ar dhaoine.
- Is féidir le fón soghluaiste a bheith luachmhar agus páiste a bheith i suíomh go mbeadh an fón goidte uathu.
- D'fhéadfadh fón soghluaiste éad a tharraingt ar pháiste agus d'fhéadfadh sé seo impleachtaí a bheith aige d'iompar agus bulaíocht poitéinsíúil sa scoil.
- Fiú le fuaim an fhóin póca múchta, d'fhéadfaí an fón póca a úsáid chun téacsanna a sheoladh agus d'fhéadfadh sé seo cur isteach ar smacht ranga.
- D'fhéadfadh úsáid fón le ceamaraí iontu fadhbanna a chothú maidir le ceisteanna Chaomhnú Leanaí agus Cosaint Sonraí de bharr tógáil, úsáid agus scaipeadh de ghrianghraif mí-chuí.

An Gaol le Spiorad tréitheach na scoile

D'fhéadfadh úsáid fón póca agus bréagáin eile leictreonacha gan chead údaraithe, timpeallacht baolach a chruthú do pháistí agus don fhoireann faoin ár gcúram. Seachas go bhfuil gléasanna teicneolaíoch curtha ar fáil ag an scoil chun cuspóir oideachais a bhaint amach, d'fhéadfadh a n-úsáid anacair a chruthú a bheadh go hiomlán i gcoinne éiteas na scoile. Is cion coiriúil é fón póca a úsáid chun cur isteach ar dhuine, duine a chiapadh nó duine a chiontú. Déan tagairt dár gCód Smachta agus dár bPolasaí Frithbhulaíochta.

Aidhmeanna

- Chun gach ball den Phobal scoile a chuir ar an eolas faoi úsáid cuí fón póca & giúirléidí leictreonacha inár scoil agus chun na módhanna imeachta agus próisis sa pholasaí seo a leagadh amach.
- Chun ionsánna agus cur isteach ar fhoghlam na bpáistí a laghdú.
- Chun an scoil a choimeád ina ionad sábháilte, saor ó cibearbhulaíocht, bulaíocht trí théacs, agus chun suíomhanna a sheachaint go mbeadh éad agus deighilt á dtarraingt ar pháiste ag giúirléidí leictreonacha.
- Chun cabhrú le tuismitheoirí a bhíonn gá acu bheith in ann teagmháil fón a dhéanamh lena bpáistí roimh/ina dhiaidh am scoile gan cur isteach ar ghnó agus éiteas na scoile.

Módhanna Imeachta sa Scoil:

- Ní mholann an Bord Bainistíochta (agus iarraidimid ar thuistí gan é a mholadh) go dtabharfaí pasití fón póca ar scoil ar an mbonn thuas luaite. I gcás go dtugann dalta fón póca isteach ar scoil, caithfear é a mhúchadh chomh luath agus a bhíonn siad ar shuíomh na scoile (Ní leis an fuaim amháin múchta). Níl cead ag daltaí fón póca a úsáid i rith am scoile. Caithfidh an dalta an fón a chuir i dtaisce go daingean agus i módh discrídeach. Ní ghlacann an scoil freagracht ar bith

d'fhóin póca cailte, briste nó goidte ar thalamh na scoile nó ar thurasanna taobh amuigh den scoil.

- Níl cead giúirléidí nó consóil leictreonacha a thabhairt ar scoil i rith am scoile nó ar thurasanna scoile ach amháin i gcásanna eisceachtúil nuair a bhíonn sé molta ag an scoil ar bhonn oideachasúil. Ní ghlacann an scoil freagracht ar bith do ghiúirléidí leictreonacha cailte, briste nó goidte ar thalamh na scoile nó ar thurasanna taobh amuigh den scoil má thógtar ar scoil gan cead iad.
- Más gá do pháiste teagmháil a dhéanamh le baile i rith an lae scoile, déantar é seo tríd an múinteoir ranga/oifig ag úsáid an fón scoile.
- Más gá do thuismitheoirí teachtaireacht práinneach a thabhairt dá pháiste i rith am scoile, caithfear é a seo a dhéanamh tríd an fón scoile san oifig.
- Má úsáideann páiste ar bith fón póca taobh istigh de thalamh na scoile, ar thuras scoile nó ag imeacht scoile, nó má thugann sé/sí cluiche leictreonach ar scoil, tógfar an fón leis an SIM / cluiche uathu láithreach. Múchfar an gléas/fón, cuirfear tuistí ar an eolas agus ní thabharfar an gléas/fón ar ais don dalta ar feadh 24 uair a chloig. Beidh ar na thuismitheoirí teacht chun an fón a bhailiú. Ma bhristear an riail seo arís, coinneofar an gléas/fón sa scoil ar feadh seachtaine , cuirfear tuistí ar an eolas agus beidh ar thuismitheoir an gléas/fón a bhailiú ón scoil go pearsanta ag deireadh na seachtaine.
- Má bhíonn cás ann go bhfuil fón/ceamara mí-úsáidte sa scoil, cuirfear an Cód Smachta i bhfeidhm ar leibhéal chéim ard.
- Má mhothaíonn múinteoir go bhfuil ábhar mí-oiriúnach stóráilte ar fhón póca & giúirléidí leictreonacha, beidh ar an dalta/daltaí an fón/na fóin a thabhairt don Phríomhoide ar an bpointe agus iarrfar ar thuismitheoirí iad a bhailiú ón scoil.

Foireann:

- Bíonn ar bhail foirne a gutháin a choinneáil ina dtost i rith uaireanta scoile. Déanfar glaochanna nó téascanna i rith am sosa nó am lóin amháin. Bíonn eisceachtaí i gcás go bhfuil ball foirne ag súil le glaoch práinneach msh. Nuacht faoi dhuine muinteartha atá tinn.
- Coinneófaí úsáid fóin póca baill foirne chomh íseal agus is féidir agus go ndéanfaí/ nglacfaí le glaochanna in áit nach bhfuil páistí i lathair.
- Iarrtar ar mhúinteoir a bhfón a chur ar siúl nuair atá siad ar thuras scoile ionas gur féidir leis an scoil dul i dteagmháil leo más gá.
- Ní thugann baill foirne a gcuid uimhreacha fóin féin do dhaltaí nó do thuismitheoirí/ caomhnóirí.

Daingniú, Cur i bhFeidhm & Cumarsáid

Daingníodh an polasaí seo ar an 26/09/16. Cuireadh i bhfeidhm é láithreach. É le bheith curtha ar an suíomh gréasain scoile, thuismitheoirí curtha ar an eolas tríd an Nuachtlitir míosúil. É le bheith pléite leis na páistí ag tionól seachtainiúil na scoile.

Siniú an Príomhoide: _____ Dáta: _____

Tricia Ní Mhaolagáin-Hosford

Siniú an Chathaoirligh: _____ Dáta: _____

Seán ó Buachalla



Introductory Statement

As a background to this policy, these days we see many difficulties arising from the use of mobile phones, in particular since cameras were added to them. If children have mobile phones in school, there is a high probability that they will not be concentrating on their school work. Mobile phones can also encourage bullying and cyberbullying problems. In this context, for the children's safety, the following policy has been developed by the staff in consultation with the Board of Management and parents of the school. We also feel as a school that we must respond to the significant increase in hand held electronic 'gadgets' which find their way into the school so easily.

Rationale

Electronic Gadgets such as I Pods, mobile phones, I pads, MP3s, PSPs etc can be intrusive and distracting in a school environment. Strategies must be put in place to reduce the intrusiveness of unauthorised technology in a school situation.

- Mobile phones may be used to conduct bullying campaigns.*
- Mobile phones can be valuable items and might render a pupil vulnerable to theft.*
- Mobile phones can make pupils objects of envy or disparagement and could have implications with regard to discipline and potential bullying.*
- Even when apparently silent, the use of mobile phones for texting purposes could be potentially undermining of classroom discipline.*
- Use of phones with integrated cameras could lead to child protection and data protection issues with regard to inappropriate capture, use or distribution of images.*

Relationship to characteristic spirit of the school

The unauthorised use of Mobile phones and other electronic games may cause an unsafe environment for children and staff in our care, and unless provided by the school for educational purposes could be used to cause distress and upset which would be totally against the ethos of the school. It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person. Refer to our Code of Behaviour and our Anti-Bullying Policy.

Aims

- To inform all members of our school community about the appropriate use of mobile phones and electronic devices at our school and to outline the procedures and processes of this policy.*
- To lessen intrusions on and distractions to children's learning*
- To keep the school as a safe place, free of cyber bullying, text bullying and to avoid situations where electronic gadgetry could cause envy and division.*
- To enable parents who need their child to be contactable after/before school to do so without affecting the workings and the ethos of the school.*

Internal school Procedures:

- The Board of Management discourages (and asks all parents to discourage) all children from bringing mobile phones to schools on the grounds stated above. Where a pupil does bring a mobile phone to school, the phone must be turned off once they are on school property (not on silent). Children are not allowed the use of mobile phones during school hours. Phones must be stored securely and discreetly by the pupil. The school holds no responsibility for phones or devices lost or stolen on school grounds or on trips outside the school.*
- Electronic gadgets or consoles are not allowed in school, either during school hours or on school tours, except in exceptional cases where the school has recommended it on an educational basis. The school holds no responsibility for electronic devices lost/damaged or stolen on school grounds or on trips outside the school if brought without prior permission from the school.*

- Children who need to contact home in an emergency during school hours may do so through their class teacher/office using the school landline.
- Parents who need to contact their child urgently during school hours must do so through the use of the school landline ONLY.
- Any pupil who uses a mobile phone within the school confines, on a school tour or at a school event, or brings an electronic game to school will have it confiscated along with the SIM. The device will be turned off, parents will be informed, and the phone/gadget will not be returned to the pupil for 24 hours and parents will have to collect the phone from the school. If there is a further infringement of this rule the phone/gadget will be kept in the school for a week, the parents will be informed and the parents must collect the phone/gadget personally after the week is up.
- If there is ever a situation where it is found that a phone/camera phone has been misused within the school grounds, it will be treated as a gross misdemeanour through the Code of Behaviour.
- If a teacher has any suspicion that a mobile phone has unsuitable material stored on it, pupils will be required to hand over the phone to the Principal and parents will be asked to collect it from the school.

Staff:

- Staff members will keep their phones on silent during school hours and personal calls/texts should only be made during the school breaks. There are exceptions to this: If a staff member is expecting an urgent call eg. News regarding a family member who is ill etc.
- The use of mobile phones by staff for essential calls should be kept to a minimum and should be taken/ made in an area where pupils are not present.
- Teachers switch on phones when out on school trips in the locality or further afield.
- Staff members do not give out their phone number or that of any other staff member to pupils or parents/guardians.

Implementation Date

May 2016

Ratification and Communication

Ratified on the 26/09/16. Policy to be put up on school website and parents to be informed of this through monthly newsletter. Policy to be discussed with the children at weekly assembly.