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Mobile Phone and Electronic Games 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 the school population over recent years.

Rationale:

- iPods, mobile phones, D.S., Game Boys, PSP's, MP3's etc. are intrusive and distracting in a school environment.
- Strategies must be put in place to reduce the intrusiveness of unauthorised technology in a school situation.
- Some electronic devices may be harmful due to frequent use.
- Mobile phones may be used to conduct bullying campaigns.

Relationship to School Ethos:

The use of mobile phones and other electronic games 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 Robinstown N.S.

Aims:

- To lessen intrusions on and distractions to children's learning.
- To ensure a safe school environment.

Internal School Procedures:

The following are the guidelines for mobile phone/electronic games usage in the school:

- Children are not allowed to use mobile phones/electronic games during school hours.
- Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones or electronic games into school.

- Children who need to contact home during school hours may do so through the school secretary using the school landline phone.
- All electronic gadgets are banned, even during after school activities.
- Any pupil who brings a mobile phone or electronic game to school and doesn't follow correct procedures, risks having it confiscated. Parent / guardian can arrange collection of the device the following day from the principal's office.

Roles and Responsibilities:

All staff shares in the co-ordination and implementation of this policy.

Evaluation

This policy is monitored on an ongoing basis and amendments added as new technology comes on stream.

Policy reviewed in October 2020

Signed: _____
(Chairperson of Board of Management)

Signed: _____
(Principal)

Date: _____

Date of next review: Sept 2021