

## Title

### *Mobile Phones in School*

## Introductory Statement

This policy on the use of mobile phones by pupils in school was produced by the staff of St. John's National School in June 2014 to put procedures in place that are transparent for everyone concerned. This policy is also relevant in the context of our revised Code of Behaviour and our new Anti-Bullying School Policy.

## Content of the Policy

The following is an outline of our school's procedure in relation to mobile phones.

- In general, pupils are **not** allowed to bring mobile phones to school.
- It is acknowledged that there may be certain circumstances in which pupils may need to have contact with home. In these cases the pupil(s) will be allowed bring a mobile phone to school under the following conditions:
  - A written note from the child's parents/guardians explaining the requirement for the mobile phone
  - The child will give the written explanation (on the first occasion) and the phone (turned off) to the Principal at the beginning of the day and ask for the phone back at the end of the day.
- Under no circumstances is a mobile phone to be used in the school or on the school grounds during the school day
- If a child is found in possession of a mobile phone outside of the above arrangements, the phone will be kept in the principal's office, until a parent/guardian comes to collect it and a yellow card will be given to the child.

## Timeframe for Implementation

This policy is effective immediately – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and will be reviewed and amended if considered necessary by the teaching staff.

