

Mobile Phone Policy

The following policy regarding mobile phones has been drafted and sanctioned by the Board of Management for Gaelscoil Bhaile Brigín. This policy was prepared by the staff and consultation was carried out with the Parents' Committee.

Therefore, any child bringing a mobile phone to school must adhere to the conditions as set out below. This policy is subject to occasional review. It will be officially reviewed in February 2013(or before if needed)

This policy was revised in Term 1 of school year 2017-18 and it was ratified at Board of Management level on 27/11/17

- 1) Mobile phone: phones which have voice and text functionality
- 2) Smart phone: phones which have access to cameras and internet.
- 3) Pupils are only permitted to have mobile phones in school provided that a permission slip has been satisfactorily completed and returned to the school.
- 4) The conditions under which pupils are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school are as follows:
 - Pupils phones must be switched off before entering the grounds and must remain off during school hours. This includes out of school activities, eg Sports Day, School trips/swimming etc. Phones may only be switched on again once the pupil has left the school for the day.
 - Phones must be kept in the pupil's school bag. They are not to be brought out to the yard, to the toilets etc.
 - The school recognises that parents may need to get messages to pupils during the school day. The school phone/school mobile should be used for this in all instances.
 - If a pupil breaks these rules either by having the phone switched on OR by bringing a phone to school without having returned a signed permission slip, the child will initially receive a warning and a parent/guardian will be informed. If there is a further occurrence, the phone will be confiscated until collected by an adult. The pupil's parent/guardian will be informed The school authorities accept no responsibility for any phone brought into the school.
- 5) Under no circumstances are pupils permitted to bring smart phones (camera phones or phones which have access to the internet) to school. This is to protect the privacy of all members of the school community. Due to the young age of all of our students, these phones are strictly forbidden.

Parents are requested to bring to the attention of their children, the dangers involved with having their on phone on view when travelling to and from school and to advise them on how best to avoid any unwanted attention as a result of having a phone.

This policy will come into effect from 7/1/18. As such, all permission slips must be signed and returned before this date. These slips will be kept on file for the duration of their time in school.

Please note that in the case whereby a permission slip is not returned to the school, it will be understood that the student is not allowed have a phone in school and the above policy will be adhered to.

This policy will be given to parents of all new students starting in the school.

Polasaí Scoile i Leith Fón Phóca

Gaelscoil Bhaile Brigín.

Ainm an dalta: _____ Rang: _____

Léigh mé, tuigim agus glacaim leis na coinníollachah lena gceadaítear fón póca a thabhairt chun na scoile.

Tá na coinníollacha seo péite agam le mo pháiste agus cloífidh sé/sí leo.

I have read and I understand and accept the conditions under which my child may bring his/her mobile phone to school.

I have explained these conditions to my child and they will adhere to them.

Tugaim cead do mo pháiste fón póca a bhreith chun na scoile
I hereby give permission for my child to bring a mobile phone to school

Ní thugaim cead do mo pháiste fón póca a bhreith chun na scoile
I hereby refuse my child permission to bring a mobile phone to school

Siniú an Tuismitheora/

Parental Signature _____ **Dáta:** _____