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## **Mobile Phone, Tablet and Electronic Device Policy**

The use of smartphones and other technologies may be a feature of daily life for people of all ages; however, they can particularly expose primary school children to a number of risks, including cyberbullying, encountering harmful content and Child Protection concerns.

***It is the policy of the Board of Management of St. Mark's Senior National School that no pupil will bring a mobile phone, tablet or electronic device onto the school grounds or premises.***

St. Mark's Senior N.S. has an Acceptable Usage Policy in place regarding the use of the internet and digital technologies within the school, including online and offline usage.

As per the Acceptable Usage Policy, pupils are not permitted to use their own digital technologies in school.

Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact, ensuring that your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way during school hours. The office phone number is (01) 4513138, and it will be answered between 8.50 a.m. - 2.45 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Where a pupil is found by a member of staff to be in possession of a mobile phone, tablet or other electronic device, it will be confiscated from the pupil. Staff members will attempt to keep the device in a safe place; however, the school will not be liable for the replacement of lost, stolen or damaged devices. The device will only be returned to the parent/guardian of the child.

The school incorporates this policy into the Code of Behaviour and will treat breaches as they would treat any other breach of the Code.

All staff share in the coordination and implementation of this policy. Mindful of the duties and responsibilities assigned to staff in working with children, it is vital that staff engage with children at all times during the workday and model good practice. In this context, staff access to phones should be limited to urgent calls only and/or during their lunch break. Mobile phone/Electronic device use by staff during pupil contact time should be for school purposes only and within the school's AUP, e.g. Aladdin, assessment logging, etc. This applies to all visiting teachers/coaches also.

There are a range of supports available to parents on how to keep their children safe online on the following website, [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie).

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Board of Management.

Signed: Mary Cullen  
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Chairperson

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