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### **Policy on Mobile Phones**

### **Section 2.13 of the Behaviour Code**

**(Revised Behaviour Code December 2019)**

**Adopted by the Board of Management**

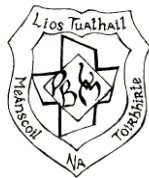
**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson of the Board of Management

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**24<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Review Date: August 2022**



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### **2.13 Mobile Phones**

The recording of sound and images on the school premises without the permission of management and staff is forbidden.

To protect the privacy of students and staff, the taking of pictures without prior permission of the person being photographed is not allowed on the premises

2.13.1 Due to ever increasing incidents of bullying and threatening of others through the use of mobile phones, and for the following reasons:

- Invasion of Privacy/camera phones uploading to the internet and the effects of cyber-bullying;
- The adverse effects on teaching and learning in the classroom;
- The effect on the student's concentration;
- Interference with study

**'The possession and/ or use of mobile phones at any time during the school day or on the school grounds or within the school building is prohibited'.**

2.13.4 In the event of a student refusing to hand up her phone she will be withdrawn from class. Her parents will be immediately sent for. A refusal to hand over a phone may lead to detention or suspension depending on the student behaviour

Mobile Phones / Electronic Equipment

**• Mobile phones must be switched off and placed in lockers or school bags as soon as students arrive in school every morning.**

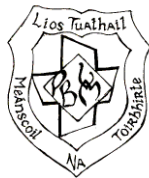
- Phones MUST remain in lockers or school bags until the end of the school day.
- Students MUST NOT use their phone and/or have their phone on their person during the school day.
- Students in breach of this rule will have their phone confiscated until the end of the school day.

Cameras, Camera-Phones & Media Devices

- Using a phone/camera/media device to take pictures/recordings during school time or on school activities without specific permission from a teacher, is an infringement of privacy and is therefore not permitted.
- Students must not use/publish/upload images, comments and/or photos of other students or staff without specific consent from the individual(s) concerned.

It is our expectation that students will not engage in any of the following behaviours:

- Sending or posting abusive, threatening, harassing, humiliating or embarrassing messages about another person via text, social networking sites/apps, websites, email or other electronic applications.
- Spreading rumours or lies about others via text, social networking sites/apps, websites, email or other electronic communication applications.



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- Forwarding personal emails, messages, pictures or videos to others without permission.
  - Taking, sending or posting embarrassing, degrading or “fight” videos involving other via text, social networking sites/apps, websites, email or other electronic communication applications.
  - Sending provocative or sexual messages, photos or videos, or what has become commonly known as “sexting”.
  - Taking, sending or posting sexually explicit images of other children using mobile phone or web applications.
  - Using social networking sites/apps, websites, or blogs to post inappropriate photographs about other children or school staff.
  - Maliciously excluding children online through emails, chat and social networking sites.
  - Making prank calls to another child’s mobile phone.
  - Using another student’s mobile phone, school email account, personal email account or social networking profile to send or post material which damages their social status or interaction with others.
  - Assuming another child’s identity and creating a false email account, social networking profile or blog to send or post material which damages that child’s social status or relationship with others.
  - Assuming a teacher’s identity and creating a false email account or social networking profile to send or post material which damages the teacher’s reputation.
  - Creating a false social networking profile or website of a school to damage the reputation of the students, staff or school.
  - Creating gossip pages on social networking sites by posting sexual, abusive, threatening, harassing, humiliating or embarrassing messages about other students/staff.

Engaging in any of the above stated activities will be viewed as a very grave offence that will lead to suspension (Blue Card) and possibly expulsion

### Valuables

Students are advised not to bring valuable items to schools. (Including valuable jewellery, equipment, clothes and footwear)

**Parents/guardians who need to contact students while they are in school MUST do so via the School Office. Students who need to contact parents while they are in school MUST also do so by using the phone in the School Office.**

The school will facilitate parents/guardians who need to phone or text the school with a message for their daughter. **The school office phone number is: 068-21452.** A student will also be facilitated by the school office should she wish to phone or text a message to a parent/guardian in an emergency.

2.13.5 The Board of Management expects the full co-operation of parents in this matter and has requested that both the student and the parent sign the Behaviour Acceptance form and return it to the school office on the first day of term (See the Appendix)



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