



## Mobile Phone Policy Scoil Chroi Íosa, Blarney

Following from a discussion at Board of Management level on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and amongst staff members thereafter, it was agreed unanimously that mobile phones are distractive and intrusive.

In addition, research into the health issues with regard to mobile phones is ongoing. Because of the potential harmful effects of mobile phones to health and otherwise, children can be particularly vulnerable.

**Accordingly, the Board of Management in line with our Health and Safety Policy, is obliged to ensure that there is a policy in the school and the school environs, forbidding the use of mobile phones by children.**

It has been recommended by the Board of Management, **that all staff members refrain from using their mobile phones during contact time with children.**

**Please observe the notices displayed in the school stating this.**

Parents and guardians may request in writing if they deem it necessary for their child to have a mobile phone in school. The Board of Management will consider each case individually. Should the Board consider it necessary for a child to have a mobile phone in their possession coming to school then this mobile phone must always be switched off. Furthermore, the phone must be handed to the Principal (old building) or the Deputy Principal (new building) for safe-keeping until school finishes at 2.30 p.m.

**Under no circumstances are camera phones allowed on the premises.**

This policy was sanctioned by the B.O.M. on the 06 - 06 - 2013.

The entire school community received a copy of the policy.

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

Fr. William Bermingham (Chairperson, Board of Management).