

## MILGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT MOBILE TELEPHONE POLICY

### **Rationale:**

Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools valued by a significant number of people. Many students now own or have access to mobile telephones which are being brought to school. This policy sets out the rules relating to its use during school hours.

### **Aims:**

- To ensure mobile telephones do not interfere with the effective conduct of school and classroom activities.
- To ensure that procedures are in place to minimise theft and damage of mobile telephones.
- To protect the privacy of individuals

### **Implementation:**

- Students should ensure that their mobile phone is in a safe and secure place. The school will not accept responsibility for any loss, theft or damage to mobile telephones at school or school events. Nor will the school accept any responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of mobile telephones whilst in the possession of students traveling to and from school.
- Parents who require their child to have a mobile phone at school are to inform the student's class teacher/Principal.
- Mobile telephones will remain in the student's schoolbag throughout the day, switched off and out of sight. Parents needing to contact students should do so through the office.
- In-phone cameras are not to be used anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate.
- Mobile phones must not be taken into the yard or toilet blocks during recess or lunch breaks or into class, meetings, assemblies, school excursions, camps or other organised activities.
- Appropriate action will be taken against any student who photographs, or films other individuals without their consent or who sends harassing or threatening messages.

### **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

<b>Evaluation</b>	<i>To be reviewed every three years by the Education Sub Committee</i>
<b>Date Ratified</b>	November 2019
<b>Next review date</b>	2022
<b>Related Policies</b>	
<b>Related Documents</b>	
<b>Resources</b>	