

**GORT NATIONAL SCHOOL  
GORT  
CO. GALWAY**

**RECORDING DEVICES  
&  
MOBILE PHONE POLICY**

November 2015

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Introductory Statement

This policy was drafted by our staff in Gort National School in November 2015.

Rationale

This policy is necessary for the safety of the children.

#### Procedures

1. Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school in line with school policy. Any misuse of phones will lead to the implementation of sanctions as outlined in the Code of Behaviour. If a child brings his phone to school it will be confiscated and left in the office for his/her parents to collect.
2. If parents wish to contact their child during school hours they can contact their child on the school land line which is 091-631627/091-631808.
3. Teachers and school staff are allowed the use of mobile phones at school but should not take unnecessary calls or carry out unnecessary texting during class time.
4. The sanction for having a phone at school is a red card and this is in line with the Code of Behaviour.

#### Roles and Responsibilities

- Principal: To monitor and implement this policy and to bring it to the notice of new teachers, pupils and parents.
- School staff: To follow the procedures as laid out.

#### Date for Implementation

This will be implemented from November 2015.

#### Date for Review

School year 2015 – 2016.

#### Ratification and Communication

This policy will be communicated to parents and they will be requested to sign it. This policy will also be brought to the attention of parents at time of enrolment in connection with the Code of Behaviour.

### **RATIFICATION**

This School Policy was formulated by the Principal and staff and approved by the Board of Management of Gort National School on

\_\_\_\_\_ 2015.

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Chairperson of Board of Management.