



Réamhrá

Cuireadh an polasaí seo le chéile mar fhreagairt ar an dul chun cinn teicneolaíochta, a bhfuil mar thoradh air le blianta beaga anuas, méadú suntasach ar méid na bhfearas leictreonacha atá i seilbh na bpáistí ar scoil. Creidtear gur chun leas na bpáistí agus feidhmiú na scoile an polasaí seo. Beidh aithbhreithniú agus leasú rialta ar an bpolasaí seo de bharr dhul chun cinn na teicneolaíochta nó/agus mar thoradh ar iarratas ó fhoireann nó ó thuismitheoirí na scoile. Tá an polasaí seo á dhréachtadh i gcomhair leis an mBord Bainistíochta agus

Sainmhíniú ar Ghléasanna Leictreonacha

‘Séard atá i gceist le *Gléasanna Leictreonacha*, i gcomhthéacs an pholasaí seo ná aon ghléas leictreonach a bhfuil rochtain aige ar an idirlíon nó ar ghréasán gutháin.

Réasúnaíocht

- Cuireann gléasanna leictreonacha isteach ar obair na scoile agus baineann siad de thimpeallacht na scoile.
- Tá gá le straitéisí le hionradh seo na teicneolaíochta neamhcheadaithe a laghdú i saol na scoile.
- Is féidir go ndéanfadh cuid de na gléasanna leictreonacha seo dochar do shláinte na bpáistí tríd an iomarca úsáide.
- Is féidir go mbainfí úsáid as gléasanna leictreonach chun feachtais tromaíochta a stiúradh.
- Is féidir go mbainfí úsáid as gléasanna le páirt a ghlacadh in iompar atá contúirteach don pháiste ar leis/léi an gléasa leictreonach nó do bhaill eile phobal na scoile, pháistí eile na scoile, bhaill foirne agus thuismitheoirí/chaomhnóirí ina measc.
- Is féidir le gléasanna leictreonacha teacht salach ar chothú na Gaeilge i dtimpeallacht na scoile.
- Is earraí costasacha agus luachmhara iad na gléasanna leictreonacha seo agus is féidir le heolas pearsanta agus príobháideach a bheith iontu.
- De bharr na gceamaraí atá ar an-chuid de na gléasanna seo, tá an baol ann go nglacfaí íomhánna atá díobhálach, treampánach nó mí-oiriúnach ar thailte na scoile, nó go bhféachfaí orthu ar thailte na scoile.
- Ní chuirfidh gléasanna leictreonacha le sábháilteacht an pháiste agus é/í ar a b(h)ealach ar/ón scoil. Tá seans go dtarraingeoidh sé trioblóid ar an bpáiste.

Gaol le hÉiteas na Scoile

Sáraíonn úsáid na ngléasanna leictreonacha seo soláthar thimpeallacht scoile atá sábháilte agus slán. Ní chothaíonn siad foghlaim agus is bac iad ar chothú timpeallachta atá tumtha sa Ghaeilge.

Aidhmeanna

- Ionradh agus cur isteach ar fhoghlaim na bpáistí a laghdú.
- Stop a chur le féidearthacht amháin tromaíochta.
- Stop a chur le bealach amháin, d’aon ghnó nó trí thimpiste, teacht ar ábhar mí-oiriúnach.
- Stop a chur le brú ar pháistí píosa teicneolaíochta costasach a bheith ina seilbh acu.
- Deireadh a chur leis an seans go ngoidfí, go gcaillfí nó go ndéanfaí dochar do pháisa teicneolaíochta a bhfuil eolas príobháideach, pearsanta ann, ar scoil nó ar an mbealach ar/ón scoil.
- Iomaíocht agus comórtas idir pháistí a mhaolú.
- Stop a chur leis an bhféidearthacht go sárófar an ceart atá ag baill foirne don dínit san ionad oibre



Gnásanna Scoile Inmheánacha

Is iad seo a leanas na treoirínte maidir le gléasanna leictreonacha sa scoil;

- Níl cead ag páistí úsáid a bhaint as gutháin phóca nó as gléas leictreonach le linn uaireanta scoile.
- Níl cead ag páistí gutháin phóca nó gléas leictreonach eile a bheith ina seilbh acu ar scoil. Mar is eol do chách anois, tarlaíonn bulaíocht go minic tríd an idirlíon. Déanfar úsáid an gutháin phóca a phlé agus a mhíniú go rialta do dhaltaí. Ní bhíonn fáil ag daltaí ar guthán póca i rith am scoile, nó ag aon imeachtaí eile scoile, riamh ach amháin i gcásanna eisceachtúla atá pléite agus aontaithe leis an bpríomhoide, m.sh. riachtanas leighis.
 1. Má shíleann tuismitheoir/caomhnóir gur gá do pháiste guthán a bheith acu díreach roimh scoil nó díreach tar éis scoile. Is gá nóta a scríobh go laethúil chuig an mhúinteoir in *Aladdin* an pháiste len é seo a mhíniú don mhúinteoir ranga¹. Ní leor nóta amháin don bhliain.
 2. Ní bhíonn an guthán lasta ar láthair na scoile riamh. Tugann an páiste suas don mhúinteoir láithreach é, múchta, ag tús an lae agus tógann siad ar ais é ag am dhul abhaile. Is faoin bpáiste go hiomlán é smaoineamh ar an nguthán ag deireadh an lae.
 3. Má thugann páiste guthán suas gan nóta, coinneofar in oifig an phríomhoide é go dtí go bhfuil deis teagmháil a dhéanamh le tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí an pháiste.
 4. Má thagtar ar guthán i seilbh aon pháiste lasmuigh den a cúinsí thuas is sárú dáiríre é ar an gCód Iompair é agus an toradh a bheidh air seo ná **Cárta Buí**.
 5. Níl an scoil freagrach as aon chailteanas nó damáiste a tharlaíonn don guthán agus é i seilbh an mhúinteora/phríomhoide nó ar láthair na scoile.
- Más gá do pháiste teagmháil a dhéanamh le tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí i rith uaireanta scoile, is féidir é a dhéanamh, le cead rúnaí na scoile, ar líne thalún na scoile nó ar guthán póca na scoile. Tá tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí freagrach as é a chinntiú go ndéantar uimhir reatha do gach páiste, atá in úsáid, a sholáthar don scoil.
- Tá cosc iomlán ar gach gléas leictreonach eile a bhfuil fáil acu ar an idirlíon nó feidhm cheamaire acu, cuimsíonn sé seo imeachtaí scoile a tharlaíonn lasmuigh de ghnáthuaireanta scoile.
- Má thógann aon pháiste gléas leictreonach eile, nach guthán é, ar scoil, tógfar é agus ní bhfaighfear ar ais é go deireadh an lae. Cuirfear na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí ar an eolas agus féachfar air seo mar shárú d'aon ghnó ar na rialacha scoile. Bronnfar *Cárta Bán* air seo².

Róil agus Freagrachtaí

Roinneann gach éinne ar fhoireann na scoile comhordú agus cur i bhfeidhm an pholasaí seo. Bítear ag súil le comhoibriú na dtuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí san obair seo freisin.

Measúnú

Déantar monatóireacht ar an bpolasaí seo ar bhonn rialta agus déanfar leasuithe air de réir mar is gá de bharr theacht na dteicneolaíochtaí nua nó ar iarratas ó fhoireann nó ó tuismitheoirí na scoile.

Cur i bhFeidhm

¹ Leasaithe mí Eanáir 2024 in oíúint don Pholasaí Cumarsáide

² Féach an Cód Iompair agus Polasaí Úsáide Inghlactha



Tá an polasaí seo i bhfeidhm ó 20.3.2023

Introduction

This policy was drawn up in response to technological advances, which have seen a significant increase in hand held electronic appliances amongst the school population over recent years. This policy is drawn up in the belief that it will be to the benefit of children and the work of the school. It will be subject to review and revision as a result of advances in technology or at the request of the staff or the parents/guardians of the school. This policy has been devised in conjunction with the Board of Management and the Parents Assoc.

Definition of Electronic Device

In the context of this policy, an *Electronic Device* is taken to mean any electronic device with access to the internet or a phone network.

Rationale

- Electronic devices are intrusive and distracting in a school environment.
- Strategies need be put in place to reduce the intrusiveness of unauthorised technology in a school situation.
- Some electronic devices may be harmful due to frequent use.
- Electronic devices may be used to conduct bullying campaigns.
- Electronic devices may be used to engage in behaviour that is potentially harmful to the child who owns the appliance and/or other members of the school community including staff, school-children and parents/guardians.
- Electronic devices have the potential to undermine the promotion and use of *Gaeilge* in the school environment.
- Electronic devices are expensive and valuable items and may contain information of a private and personal nature.
- The availability of camera functions on many devices allows for potentially harmful, embarrassing or inappropriate images to be viewed or captured on the school grounds.
- An electronic device will not ensure a child's safety travelling to and from school. It may attract unwanted attention.

Relationship to School Ethos

The use of electronic devices contravenes the provision of a safe and secure school environment and is not conducive to learning. The use of mobile phones and other electronic appliances undermines the promotion of an environment immersed in Irish.

Aims

- To lessen intrusions and distractions to children's learning.
- To remove a potential avenue for bullying.
- To remove a potential avenue for the intentional or unintentional contact with inappropriate material.
- To remove the potential for children to feel pressured into having an expensive piece of technology.
- To remove the potential for loss, theft or damage to an expensive piece of technology containing personal and private information, either at school or on the way to/from school.
- To remove the potential for a breach of a staff members' right to dignity in the workplace



Internal School Procedures

The following are the guidelines for mobile phone and electronic appliances in the school;

- Children are not allowed to use mobile phones and/or electronic devices during school hours
- Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones and/or electronic devices into school. As everyone knows now, bullying often happens over the internet. Use of mobile phones will be discussed and explained regularly to children. Children never have access to phones during school hours, or at any school event, except in exceptional circumstances which have been discussed and agreed with the principal e.g. medical needs
 1. If a parent/guardian feels their child needs to have a phone either directly before or after school, it is required that they write a note daily to the teacher in the child's *Aladdin* to explain this to the class teacher³. A single note for the year does not suffice.
 2. The phone is never switched on the school grounds. The child hands the phone up, turned off, to the teacher immediately at the start of the day and take sit back at home time. It is entirely the child's responsibility to remember to take their phone at the end of the day.
 3. If a child hands up a phone without a note, it is kept in the principal's office until their parent/guardian can be contacted.
 4. If a child is found in possession of a phone outside the circumstances above, it is a serious contravention of the Code of Behaviour and will result in a **Yellow Card**.
 5. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage that happens to the phone when it is in possession of the teacher/principal or on school grounds.
- Children who need to contact home during school hours may do so through the school secretary using the school landline phone or through the school mobile number. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that the school is provided with a current and contactable contact number for each child.
- All other electronic appliances with access to the internet or camera facilities are banned, including during school activities that may occur outside school hours.
- Any pupil found with an electronic device, which isn't a mobile phone, in school will have it confiscated and not returned until the school day is over. Parents/guardians will be informed and this will be seen as a deliberate contravention of school rules. A *Cárta Bán* will be the result.⁴

Roles and Responsibilities

All staff share in the co-ordination and implementation of this policy. Parents'/guardians' co-operation is also expected.

Evaluation

This policy is monitored on an ongoing basis and amendments will be added as new technology comes on stream or at the request of the staff or the parents/guardians of the school

³ Revised January 2024 in line with Communication Policy

⁴ See Code of Behaviour and Acceptable Use Policy



Implementation

This policy has been in place from 20.3.2023