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Policy Number: 43 **Mobile Phone and Electronic Games** REV:0

**Introductory Statement:**

This policy was drawn up in response to technological advances, which have seen a significant increase in hand held electronic ‘gadgets’ amongst the school population over recent years.

**Rationale:**

· IPods, mobile phones, Game Boys, PSP’s, MP3’s etc. are intrusive and distracting in a school environment

· Strategies must 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

· Mobile phones may be used to conduct bullying campaigns

**Relationship to School Ethos:**

The use of mobile phones and other electronic games contravenes the provision of a safe and secure school environment and is not conducive to learning - a provision which is central to the mission statement and ethos of Suncroft N.S.

**Aims:**

· To ensure a “technology free” school environment

· To lessen intrusions on and distractions to children’s learning

**Internal School Procedures:**

The following are the guidelines for mobile phone/electronic games usage in the school;

· Children are not allowed to use mobile phones during school hours

· Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones into school

· Children who need to contact home during school hours may do so through the school secretary using the school landline phone

· Electronic games are banned unless with teacher permission

· Any pupil who brings a mobile phone to school risks having it confiscated

· Staff have access to the school landline if urgent calls need to be made to parents

· Classroom supervision is usually organised if a class teacher has to contact other professionals or outside agencies in relation to a particular child

· Staff personal calls are normally confined to break times

· Staff are permitted mobile phone usage

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

All staff share in the co-ordination and implementation of this policy.

**Evaluation:**

This policy is monitored on an ongoing basis and amendments added as new technology comes on stream.

**Implementation:**

This policy has been in place since 13th April 2011.

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Chairperson