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Carysfort National School

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Dear Parents,

In the recent social media survey conducted by the Parents' Association ninety percent of the parents who responded agreed or strongly agreed that smartphones should be banned by Carysfort National School.

In the interest of the well-being of our students, the Board of Management, the Principal and the school staff are happy to endorse this opinion.

Therefore from September 3rd 2018 students attending Carysfort N.S. are **not allowed** have a smartphone, smart watch, tablet or any other electronic device with internet access in their possession

- a. During school hours.
- b. On the school grounds before or after school.
- c. When attending after-school activities in a classroom, on the school grounds or at an off-site location.
- d. On school trips.
- e. To take on play dates.

Exception will be granted for students where access to a smart phone or a tablet during the school day is **essential on medical grounds or for elearning** . An arrangement will be put in place between the class teacher and the student's parents in this situation.

From a safety perspective, students in the senior classes (4th-6th class) who travel to or from school (or extra-curricular activities) without adult supervision may have a **non-smart phone** in their school bag to contact a parent/minder on their journey. **This phone cannot be used while on the grounds of Carysfort National School.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this new school policy and please share the contents of this email with your child.

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Chairperson, Board of Management

Norma Linehan
Principal