



Mount Anville

Montessori Junior School

2½ -12 years

MAMJS 'No Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices' Policy

Ratified on 16th October 2023

Aim

- Mount Anville Montessori Junior School (MAMJS) is a 'no mobile phone/electronic device' school for our students. Mobile phones, smart phones and electronic devices are **not permitted** at MAMJS and students should not be in possession of the same, whether activated or switched off, at any time.

Rationale

- The use by students of mobile phones and any electronic devices in Mount Anville Montessori Junior School contravenes the provision of a safe and secure school environment.
- The welfare and development of our students remain of paramount importance to us here at MAMJS. Mobile Phones and electronic devices are intrusive and distracting to our students' learning.
- The technological capabilities of our students far exceed their emotional development, when expected to deal with any feelings of isolation resulting in mobile phone/tablet usage within their peer groups (OECD survey 2023).
- We appreciate the many benefits associated with technology and digital learning, and we aim to continue to positively educate students in relation to ICT in preparation for their future.

Protocols for a MAMJS 'No Mobile Phone/Electronic Devices' Policy

- Students are not permitted to bring a mobile phone or electronic device to MAMJS, this includes Mount Anville grounds.
- Students are not permitted to use mobile phones or other personal electronic devices in MAMJS, including at after-school activities, on the MAMJS Campus or representing MAMJS at any event.
- The use of MAMJS owned electronic devices is strictly under the supervision of MAMJS staff and following the MAMJS Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Policy.
- If a student is found to contravene MAMJS mobile phone/electronic devices policy, the Code of Behaviour will be applied, and the breach of the Code will be treated under serious incidences and sanctions, parents will be communicated with, and the device will be taken from the student until it is collected by the parent.



- If a student needs to contact home during the school day, they can do this through our Welcome Office and/or MAMJS staff.
- In the case of an emergency, Parents/Guardians should contact the Welcome Office which remains the first point of contact and can ensure that your child is reached quickly and given support.
- Our Welcome Office remains open daily from 8.00am-4.00pm, and students are reminded to return to the Welcome Office should they not be collected at their expected time/location.
- Digital learning and ICT will be supported in school, using our own school devices. No other electronic devices (kindles, tablets, smart watches) are permitted or necessary at school.

In Exceptional Circumstances

In very exceptional circumstances, if a student must bring a mobile phone/electronic device to Mount Anville Montessori Junior School, they will need to write to the Board of Management outlining why they need a special exemption. If permission is granted, which will only last for said academic year, the Parent/Guardian will need to ensure that their child follows the strict protocol for centralized storage of the electronic device. MAMJS will not take responsibility for the loss or damage of any device.

Review and Ratification

The MAMJS No Mobile Phone/electronic Devices' policy will be circulated to our parent body and uploaded to our website: www.mountanvillemjs.ie

This policy will be reviewed and amended on a needs basis and/or every few years in consultation with our stakeholders.

MAMJS's 'No Mobile Phone and electronic Devices' policy was ratified by the MAMJS Board of Management on 16th October 2023.

Luci O'Donohoe

Luci O'Donohoe, Chairperson, MAMJS Board of Management

Dated: 16/10/2023

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