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## Smartphone voluntary agreement – Research questionnaire Dear Parent/Guardian,

The use of smartphones and other technologies is now a feature of daily life for people of all ages. As you are likely aware, however, they can particularly expose primary school children to a number of risks – including cyberbullying and encountering harmful content. In response to this, a number of school communities have agreed to not provide their child with a smartphone until they finish sixth class.

Bangor Erris NS respects each family's right to decide whether or not their children have access to the internet or a smartphone, and as such we are first seeking to establish if there is interest in exploring this as a measure.

To find out more on this you can read resources available on our website www.bangorerrisns.ie and here: <a href="https://www.webwise.ie/parents/">https://www.webwise.ie/parents/</a>.

We recognise that as part of the school's education programme many pupils have supervised access to technology to support their learning. This allows our children access to online educational resources that can greatly enhance their learning experience. This supervised access to technology in school is separate to the voluntary agreement that is being proposed below. Access to and use of the internet during the school day is outlined in the school's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and any proposed voluntary agreement would not interfere with this.

To help inform the approach we take it is important that parents or guardians answer the questions in the survey below and return to the school.

Parents or guardians should seek the views of their children as to the approach also.

1. Do you think your primary school aged children should own their own smartphone?
Yes No No
2. Do you want to be part of a voluntary agreement regarding smartphones for your children?
Yes No No
Are there ways we could support you to better support your children to navigate the online world more safely?
Yes No

## **Bangor Erris NS Smartphone Agreement**

Dear F	Parents /	Guardians,
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Please review the attached Smartphone Agreement and if you wish to be part of it please sign and return this form to the school.

Name of Student:
Class:
Parent/Guardian:
As the parent or guardian of the above student, I have read the agreement regarding smartphones and (tick one below please)
I wish to be part of the proposed approach  I do not wish to be part of the proposed approach.
Signature:
Date:
Signature:
Date:

The school respects each family's right to decide whether or not their children have access to the internet or a smartphone and there is no obligation to return this form if you do not wish to do so.

Máire Bn. Uí Dhomhnaill Príomhoide Nár Laga Dia do Lámh