

## APPENDIX A

### MERCY CONVENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, NAAS.

#### MOBILE PHONE POLICY

The Board of Management of the Mercy Convent Primary School forbids the use of mobile phones by pupils in the school.

A pupil may bring a mobile phone to school on the understanding that:-

- a) the phone is left in the pupil's school bag while the pupil is on the school premises
- b) the phone is turned off at all times throughout the school day
- c) the Board of Management of the Mercy Convent Primary School does not accept responsibility for any damage to or loss of mobile phones

Reasons for forbidding the use of Mobile Phones:-

1. to ensure confidentiality and privacy of children in the school
2. to prevent bullying using mobile phones
3. to comply with the Acceptable Use Policy for Internet Access
4. to comply with school rules on permission for photographing children
5. to protect children from the possible harmful effects of frequent use of mobile phones

Pupils who ignore this policy and use a mobile phone on school premises without permission will be required to hand over their phone to a member of staff and parents will be required to collect it from the school office. Parents will be required to give a written undertaking that the mobile phone will not be brought to school again.

The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones. The safety and security of mobile phones is wholly a matter for pupils/parents.

A notice forbidding the use of mobile phones by pupils will be displayed in prominent positions in the school.

Ratified by the Board of Management on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Signed:

Chairperson, Board of Management.

Date: