



MOBILE PHONE & MOBILE DEVICE POLICY

We recognise that mobile phones can enhance learning, and can be used to powerful positive effect. Teachers may encourage the appropriate use of mobile phones in pursuit of learning, in classrooms and other learning settings within the school.

This policy applies to mobile phones, smart phones, wearable smart devices and any other devices capable of any of the following: connecting to the internet, making and/or receiving phone calls, communicating electronically, recording and/or playing audio or video, capturing and/or displaying images.

Parents/Guardians and pupils are asked to note the following:

- Where students bring a mobile phone/device to school, it must be switched off, during the school day unless otherwise directed by teachers.
- The mobile phone/device is the sole responsibility of the student and the school does **not** accept responsibility if the phone/device is lost, stolen or damaged.
- The Department of Education and Skills and the State Examinations Commission do not allow digital devices in examinations (other than approved calculators in certain subjects). This is also school policy.
- If a phone/device rings or is produced in a classroom, between classes or at break times without the permission or direction of a staff member:
 - It will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the school day.
 - For a second offence, the phone/device and SIM will only be returned to the student's parent.
 - For a third offence, the phone/device and SIM card will be confiscated for the remainder of the term.

On each occasion the confiscation will be noted in the Dialann.

- No photographs or recordings (video or audio) may be made with mobile phones/devices unless under the direction of a teacher. Using phones/devices in such a way can seriously infringe on people's rights. Appropriate sanctions will be imposed for breaches of this condition.
- Incidents where students use mobile phones/devices to bully other students will be treated as serious breaches of the School's Code of Behaviour. It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone/device to menace, harass or offend another person. As such, the school may consider it appropriate to involve the Gardaí in such incidents.
- Parents/guardians are asked not to arrange to contact students by mobile at any time during the school day. A student who wishes to go home during the school day must arrange to do so through reception and not independently by mobile phone. Contact with the school may be made through the office at 01-8254102 and students are directed to use the office telephone if needed.



I agree to the above conditions

Signed: _____

Student

Mobile phone confiscated: Date and Signature:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Signed: _____

Parent/ Guardian