

# Mobile Phone Policy

This policy pertains to pupils, staff, parents/guardians and visitors to the school.

It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person.

Refer also to policies:

- [Code of Behaviour](#)
- [Anti Bullying](#)

## Pupils

Pupils are not to bring mobile phones or electronic devices to school unless a parent feels that it is absolutely necessary. A form, available from the school principal, needs to be filled in by the pupil and parent/guardian stating the reason why their child needs to bring a phone to school. The school principal grants this permission. This form needs to be filled in at the start of each school year. All such authorised phones must be switched off and remain in the child's school bag between 9.20 am & 3 pm while the child is in school and on the school premises. This policy also applies to children participating in after school classes and activities.

If a pupil takes a phone out of their school bag or switches on a phone while in the school building or grounds it will be confiscated and parents will be required to collect it from the principal. Permission to have it in school may be withdrawn. Likewise unauthorized phones will be confiscated and returned only to parents /guardians.

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

Administrator: Gabriel Keane

Review and Ratification:

This policy was ratified and communicated on 24/05/2016.

It will be reviewed and amended if necessary at the end of the 2019 school year.

Signed: Edward Lork (Chairperson of Board of Management)