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Policy on the use of mobile phones by pupils in school

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Pupils **are** allowed to bring mobile phones to school. All phones must be switched off before the child enters the school grounds and must be stored in the child's schoolbag for the duration of the school day.

Pupils are **not permitted** to use their phones in school or in the school grounds at any time. All pupils must switch off their phones and put them into their school bags before they enter the school grounds every morning and may not switch them on until after they leave the school grounds at the end of the school day.

Children who attend after school clubs, 2.30 – 3.30, must keep the phone switched off and in their schoolbag until after they leave the school at 3.30 p.m.

Any pupil who breaks this rule will have to leave their phone in the school office and must collect it before leaving school in the afternoon.

If any pupil breaks the rule for a second time, his/her parents will be contacted by the Principal or by the child's class teacher.

Persistent breaches of the mobile phone rule will be dealt with through the school's Code of Behaviour

The Board of Management or school staff accept no responsibility for mobile phones that are lost, stolen or otherwise interfered with in the school.

When necessary pupils may use the school phone to pass on urgent/important messages to parents. Children must have a teacher's permission to use the school phone. Parents may phone the school secretary and ask her to pass on **urgent/important messages** to pupils.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on April 18th 2016.

Margaret Brennan, Chairperson, B.O.M.

Pádraic Fay , Principal.
