Policy on the use of mobile phones for pupils in the school

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Our policy on mobile phone and other multi-media equipment/devices is devised with the intention of protecting students and staff from potential harassment or bullying, and of ensuring that teaching and learning can take place without interruption.

Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones or internet enabled devices into school. In exceptional circumstances, such as when a device is required due to a medical condition (i.e. diabetes), then arrangements may be put in place where that uses a device for the sole purpose it is required relating to their medical condition.

Urgent messages from a parent/guardian to a student and vice versa may be transmitted through the office. Students are not permitted to use a personal mobile device to communicate with home during school hours or while on the school premises.

Use of phones or any device that records digital images or videos without the subject's prior knowledge and permission is strictly forbidden at all times while on school premises and during all school related activities. Sharing of any photographs, images or videos without prior permission is strictly forbidden.

If a pupil is found in possession of a phone, under any circumstances other the medical grounds mentioned above, it will be confiscated and retained by the Principal who will pass it on to the child's parents/ guardians.

The school will not be held responsible for any phone or device that is lost, misplaced or stolen during the school day – be that on school grounds or while away on school tours, sporting events with the school, etc.

Signed: Seosamh Ó Tuile Date: 9th April 2025

Chairperson, BoM