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Policy for Use of Mobile Phone/Electronic Devices at School by Students

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Introduction

The preference of the school is that students do not have mobile phones/electronic devices at school. However, it is appreciated that in some special cases, access to a mobile phone/electronic device is necessary e.g. special music lessons/class parties, travelling on a non-DECS bus.

The school has a system in place which deals with emergencies. Data such as parent and care-givers phone numbers and emergency contacts are kept up to date and are readily accessible when required.

Concerns

Concerns about students having mobile phones/electronic devices at school include:

- Phones ringing in class rooms during lessons
- Students using phones/electronic devices during lesson time and therefore being distracted from the learning programme.
- The inappropriate use of phones including being used to harass others.
- Students being able to make calls to anywhere without supervision.
- The ability of phones /electronic devices to take photographs, surf the Internet, bring in-appropriate materials to school.
- The chances of phones/electronic devices being damaged, lost or stolen.

Guidelines for Students and Parents

Students who bring a mobile phone/electronic device to school must:

- ❖ Bring phone/electronic devices to the Front Office or his/her classroom teacher (if there is a secure cupboard in the classroom) immediately they arrive at school.
- ❖ Ensure the phone/electronic device is turned off as soon as they arrive at school and is not switched on until they leave the school grounds.
- ❖ If a student ignores these guidelines on more than one occasion, the issue could be addressed through our Behaviour Development Guidelines policy.

If you would like your child to bring a mobile phone or electronic device to school you are asked to sign the following statement and return it to school.

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I _____ give permission for my child _____ to bring a mobile phone/electronic device to school. I understand that it is the responsibility of my child to take the mobile phone/electronic device to the Front Office or his/her classroom teacher immediately he/she arrives at school. I understand the school will not take responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of such devices.

Signed: _____