

Mobile Phone Policy



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St Peter's Community School

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Regulations for Mobile Phones in School

In this modern age parents may reasonably wish to be contactable by their children before and after school hours. After much consideration of balancing and facilitating reasonable needs for telephone communications, with the potential disruption to learning, the following will apply:

- A mobile phone may be in a pupil's possession in school on condition that it remains switched off and out of sight.
- Any use of a mobile phone in school is not allowed. Use of the picture or voice recording capacity of a mobile phone is absolutely prohibited due to the potential threat of abuse and invasion of privacy involved.
- Pupils with a pressing need or in an emergency may ask for permission to have access to a phone in the main office.

Procedures and Sanctions

- If a pupil's mobile rings or comes into view in school, the teacher present will confiscate the phone.
- Confiscated mobile phones will be returned on Fridays after school or by payment of a €5 fine at the end of the school day.
- Further offences may involve confiscation for a longer period by the Year Head and the pupil's parents will be required to collect the phone.
- Use of picture/voice/sound recording capacity of mobile phones in school will result in suspension.

Co-operation and Review

Pupils and parents are asked to co-operate with the above regulations in the interests of maintaining order and a quality learning environment in St. Peter's. These regulations will be reviewed from time to time.