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Mobile Telephone Policy

The use of mobile phones in class is disruptive to the learning environment and is therefore discouraged.

The following policy was developed in October 2005

1. There are times when it is genuinely appropriate and beneficial for staff to have access to a mobile telephone. However, except in times of genuine emergency, mobile phone use should be restricted. For instance, staff may need, on occasion, to contact a clinician or other personnel in connection with school business in this instance, it may be appropriate to use a mobile phone during class time.
2. It is important that staff display courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using a mobile phone.
3. Mobile phones should not be used in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school.
4. Staff should ordinarily have their mobile phones switched off and out of sight in the classroom and while on duty in the yard.
5. Mobile phones are used at their owners' risk. No liability will be accepted by the Board of Management in the event of the loss, theft or damage of any device in the school building.
6. Under no circumstances should a staff member use a mobile phone to either photograph or video any student or other staff member.

7. Any pupil who needs to have his/her mobile phone at school must obtain a letter of authorisation from a parent or guardian. The phone must be switched off during school hours i.e. 8.50am to 2.30pm.
8. Mobile phones should be switched off during all meetings concerning school business.
9. Camera phones are not permitted on the premises.

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