

Mobile Phone Policy

It is recognised that mobile phones can, at times, be intrusive and distracting in schools. In addition the debate continues as to the possible harmful effects of the frequent use of mobile phones. Children could be particularly vulnerable. This health and environmental issue must be considered within the school context. The combination of health and environmental hazards, peer pressure, class time spent playing with phones, and the reporting in schools of incidents, of text messages to bully children do not support the use of mobile phones in school. No child may bring a mobile phone to school unless the Principal has given permission in writing. Children are not permitted to use mobile phones as cameras in any circumstances in school, on school trips, or during extra-curricular activities. Parents of children who feel that it is essential that their child must carry a mobile phone to school for reasons that are exceptional e.g. medical or for other serious concerns, must apply in writing to the Principal giving the reason why it is necessary for their child to have a mobile phone in school. A special form is provided for this purpose, which is kept in the main office. We request that parents/guardians support the policy by not using phones on the premises, except in an emergency.

Staff and other adults

Staff are not permitted to use mobile phones to take calls, to make calls or use text during class times. Phones must be switched off at all times. Phones must not be displayed during school hours.