

## **Mobile Phone /Device Policy**

- Children should not bring mobile phones / devices to school unless it is absolutely necessary to make contact with parents after school hours.
- If parents must make contact with their children during school hours, they may do so on the school's landline, 01-8257246.
- Where parents deem it necessary that their child requires a mobile phone / device for use after school, they must give a note of consent for mobile phone /device use to their child's teacher.
- The following rules will then apply:
  - The phone / device must be kept in the child's school bag and switched off while on the school grounds.
  - The phone /device must not be taken to the yard or any out of classroom activity e.g. PE, nature walks, tours etc.
  - Use of the phone /device i.e. making calls, texting, taking photographs/videos or accessing the internet/email during school hours is totally prohibited.

The first time a breach of the above rules occurs, the child will be reminded of the rules and the child's parents will be informed.

On the second, and all subsequent instances the phone / device will be confiscated for a period of one week, after which time, parents must collect it from the Principal and/or a sanction will be set, in line with our code of behaviour.

The school accepts no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged phones /devices.