



Beechlawn School

'Raising Standards through Excellence'

Mobile Phone Policy

Pupils are not permitted to have a mobile phone in school.

All urgent phone calls can be made or received through the school office.

Any pupil failing to observe this rule will have his/her mobile phone confiscated and the phone held by the school Principal/Vice Principal until 3pm, in the first instance. The details will be recorded in a hard back book in the Principals office.

Any pupil failing to observe this rule on a second occasion will have his/her mobile phone confiscated and the phone held by the Principal/Vice Principal until it is collected by a parent/guardian. The details will be recorded in a hard back book in the Principals office.

In the interests of Child Protection and of privacy, no pupil is allowed to use his/her camera phone to record an image (video or still) or to make an audio recording of a pupil or member of staff. Anyone caught doing so, or attempting to do so, will be suspended. (see Child Protection Policy).

Anyone involved trying to provoke a situation whereby a video or audio recording is being made will be suspended.

Exception.

If a parent deems that their child needs a mobile phone due to health and safety reasons e.g walking to or from school, a request can be made to the Principal in writing.

On permission being granted, the mobile phone must be turned off and handed to the Principal for storage until the end of the school day. It is the responsibility of the child to ask for the phone at the end of the day.

Furthermore, no member of staff is responsible for any damage or loss that is incurred to the phone whilst it is on school property.

Where an exception has been requested and granted it is on the premise that the above procedures are to be followed, however if they are not followed then the permission will be revoked.

Use of MP3 players, iPods, PSP, games technology.

In the interest of Health and Safety and of the security of pupils' possessions, the use of all such devices is not permitted during the school day (8:45-3pm). Use of such items will lead to confiscation and the same return procedures which apply to the use of mobile phones. (See above.)

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