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Mobile Phone Policy

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Trustees	CEIST
Approved by the Board of Management	15 th June 2026

Restricting the use of and access to personal mobile phones by pupils during the school day





Mobile Phone Policy – Off and Away All Day

1. Introduction

This policy has been developed in accordance with Department of Education Circular 0045/2025 – ***Restricting the use of and access to personal mobile phones by pupils during the school day***[Ref Appendix 1] which requires all recognised post primary schools to implement a full ban on the use of, and access to, personal mobile phones by pupils for the duration of the school day.

2. Rationale

Restricting pupil access to mobile phones during the school day improves the learning environment, reduces cyberbullying risks, and encourages social interaction.

3. Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all pupils for the full duration of the school day, including all school-sanctioned activities. The restriction does not apply to travel to and from school or after-school activities.

4. Policy Statement – Off and Away All Day

- Pupils are not permitted to use or access personal mobile phones at any time during the school day.
- Devices must be switched off once a pupil enters the school grounds and remain off until they leave.
- While we would advise that phones be left at home, devices may be stored securely in pupils' schoolbags or in their personal lockers, and must remain switched off and out of sight at all times.
- The school accepts no responsibility for loss, damage, or theft of personal devices.
- Devices must not be visible at any time, including during class, in the canteen, in between classes, in corridors, during line-ups, or while moving between activities.

5. Communication Procedures

All communication between pupils and parents during the school day must occur through the school office.



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7. Sanctions

Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the school's Code of Behaviour.

First Breach	Phone is confiscated and given to the Link Deputy Principal. Student can collect the phone from their Link Deputy Principal at the end of the School Day
Subsequent Breach(es)	Phone is confiscated. The phone can only be collected from Reception by a parent/guardian

8. Review and Consultation

This policy will be reviewed regularly and updated as required following consultation with the school community.

9. Related Policies

This policy must be read in conjunction with the school's Code of Behaviour, Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), and Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour.

Signed: _____

(Chairperson of Board of Management)

Signed: _____

(Principal)

Date: _____

Date of next review: _____

Appendix 1- Circular 0045/2025

https://assets.gov.ie/static/documents/Circ0045_MobPhone_Restriction_Policy_PPSchools_Final.pdf



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