St Joseph's CBS Nenagh
Mobile Phone Policy
2026/2027

The general use of mobile phones by students is not permitted on the grounds of St Joseph's CBS Secondary School.

Phones are to be turned off for the duration of the school day including break, lunch and evening supervised study.

Students in 1st, 2nd & 3rd Year and Transition Year are expected to store their mobile phone in their school locker throughout the school day.

For a small number of subjects at Leaving Cert level ONLY and for certain students with Additional Educational Needs, the use of mobile phones may be required at specific times in class throughout the school year. Special permission may be sought by individual teachers from school management in these situations using the form supplied.

Students who disregard this policy and use a mobile phone on the school premises without permission will be required to hand over their phone to a member of staff on request. The confiscated mobile phone will be left with the Deputy Principal for the following duration:

- 1st occasion: The phone can be collected from the Deputy Principal or their designee on the same day after last class.
- 2nd occasion: The phone will be held by the Deputy Principal or their designee and returned the following day after last class.
  Parent/Guardian will be contacted by school management regarding this offence.
- 3rd and subsequent occasions: The phone may be kept for a longer period of time and must be collected by parent/guardian following an arranged meeting with school management.

Failure to hand over a mobile phone to a teacher when requested will be treated as a serious offence and will be reported to the Principal/Deputy Principal and dealt with under the school's Code of Behaviour.

The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones. The safety and security of mobile phones is solely a matter for pupils/parents/guardians.

The school accepts no responsibility for students who lose or have their mobile phones stolen while travelling to and from school.

Students using mobile phones to bully other pupils or send offensive messages/calls will face disciplinary actions as per the school's Code of Behaviour and Bí Cinealta policy

Students are not allowed to take a picture or any form of recording of any person/s in the school or on any school trips or activities

This policy applies to extra-curricular activities, matches, all bus journeys and day trips. Students should have their mobile phones turned off at all times.

The use of lockable phone pouches may be used, as required, for extra-curricular activities, matches, bus journeys or day trips

It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass, offend or threaten another person. As such, if action as sanctioned by the school in this regard is deemed ineffective, as with all such incidents, the school may consider it appropriate to involve the Gardaí.

For medical reasons, a student may be allowed to use their phone to support their condition as necessary.

Signed : Don O'Brien Date : 23rd Feb 2026

Chairperson, Board of Management

Karen O'Donnell Date : 23rd Feb 2026

Principal

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Subject	
Teacher	
Briefly outline why the use of mobile phones by students is specifically required in your subject area	
Outline the dates where the use of mobile phones by students is required in your subject area	Start Date : End Date :

Please identify the periods in the week(s) where the use of mobile phones by students is required in your subject area

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

As the subject teacher, I will endeavour to ensure that –

- the use of mobile phones by students in class will be for the intended purpose only ☐
- all mobile phones will be turned off before the end of my class and before the students leave my classroom ☐
- students understand that any abuse of the special circumstances will be treated as a serious offence and will be reported to the Principal/Deputy Principal and dealt with under the school's Code of Behaviour ☐

- I have attached a list of all students who will require the use of mobile phones as outlined above ☐

Signed : _____ Date : _____
(subject teacher)

Special permission has been granted for the use of mobile phones in class for the specific purpose and identified duration as outlined above.

Signed : _____ Date : _____
(school management)