



St. Louis National School - Rathkenny

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Mobile Phone and Personal Device Policy

Background

Mobile phones and personal devices such as smart watches, personal iPads etc. while a convenience, can cause considerable distraction in school and on the yard. If used inappropriately, they can also be the source of bullying and a source of inappropriate images, videos and information which poses a child protection risk to all children.

In order to ensure the smooth functioning of the school, while at the same time enabling parents, and children to contact each other during the journey to and from school if needed, the following regulations apply to mobile phones in St Louis NS

School

1. Children are not permitted to bring a mobile phone, smart watch or personal iPad to school or on school trips or tours, or to after school events.
2. If a child needs to bring a mobile phone to school for unavoidable urgent reasons, their parents are required to request permission in writing from the class teacher to bring a mobile phone to school prior to the date (See attached consent form).
3. Once permission is granted from the school, the mobile phone must be turned off before entering the school grounds and handed to the class teacher to be kept in the office until it is needed again at the end of the day.
4. A child who brings a mobile phone to school must present it to his/her class teacher immediately on entering the classroom and not used on school grounds.
5. Each phone must be clearly labelled with the child's name.
6. All phones will be returned to the children at home time.
7. A child may not switch on his/her phone until he/she is outside the school grounds.
8. If pupils do not adhere to these rules mobile phones will be confiscated and only returned to parents.

As always, if parents need to contact pupils during the school day, they can email the school or phone the school or visit the school. Please see school contact details in the header above.

Personal Devices

We are very fortunate in school to have a good stock of iPads and laptops for pupil's use under the guidance of the class teacher and in line with our Acceptable Use Policy. Smart watches and personal devices such as iPads have many functions such as internet access, camera functions, games and





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more. This poses a big distraction for all children in school. It also poses Child Protection risks, similar to that of a mobile phone. With that in mind, children are not permitted to wear or bring a smart watch to school. Children are not permitted to bring their own personal iPads or laptops to school. If pupils do not adhere to these rules, smart watches and other devices will be confiscated and only returned to parents after a meeting with the Principal.

Review

This policy will be reviewed in 3 years or earlier, if necessary.

Signed: *Fr Gerry Boyle*

Signed: *Laura Conaty*

Chairperson of Board of Management

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

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(Original Signature Page available in the school in policy folder)





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Consent Request Form for Mobile Phones

I(Parent/Guardian) request to allow my child to bring a mobile phone to school on (dates) and have explained to him/her the arrangements governing mobile phones in St Louis N.S. My child will adhere to these guidelines.

Signed: _____

Date : _____

Permission Granted: _____ (Principal)

Permission Not Granted: _____ (Principal)

