



Mobile Phone Policy 2020/2021

The use of mobile phones by any student for any purpose is not permitted on the grounds of Synge Street Secondary School unless explicitly directed to do so by a teacher. If directed to do so phones must be in flight mode and the teacher has the right to check the students phone at any point during the activity to ensure the student is on task and that the phone is in flight mode. Phones are to be turned off for the duration of the school day including break, lunch and homework club and extra-curricular activities. Phones are not to be kept on your person and must be placed switched off (not in silent or do not disturb mode) in your school bag.

Pupils 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 Principal and only returned to a parent or guardian.

- Parents/Guardians must make an appointment to meet with the Principal and during that meeting we request that they will review the videos and pictures on their son's phone to ensure no privacy or data laws have been breached.

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 pupils who lose or have their mobile phones stolen while travelling to and from school.

Pupils using mobile phones to bully other pupils or send offensive messages/calls will face disciplinary actions as per the School Code of Behaviour/Anti Bullying Policy.

Pupils 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 unless explicit permission has been granted by a member of staff.

It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend 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.

Ratified by Board of Management on:

Signed: _____
Chairperson
Board of Management