



Coláiste Rís

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The following policy aims to maintain a safe, nurturing environment where the personal dignity and rights of all the members of the school community are preserved. In order to assist the school in implementing this policy, parents/guardians are asked not to arrange to contact their son/daughter's mobile phone at any time during the school day. Contact with the school may be made through the office at (042) 9334336 and students are directed to the office phone in emergencies.

This policy covers (but is not limited to) a device such as a mobile phone / a mobile or communication device / media player / wearables with communications ability etc.

1. Where a student brings a mobile device, the item must be switched off and may not be used for any purpose on the school premises or grounds.
2. Students found in contravention of (1) will have mobile device or phone with SIM card contained therein confiscated and will only be returned if collected in person by a parent/guardian at the school office.
3. It is the responsibility of the staff member who confiscates the item to place it in an envelope with the name and class of the student and lodge it in the school office for safe keeping.
4. No photographs can be taken or recordings, video or audio, made with mobile phones or devices. Using these items in such a way can seriously infringe on people's rights and appropriate sanctions may be imposed.
5. Communication devices are completely banned from changing areas of the sports hall at all times.
6. Incidents where students use mobile phones or communications devices to bully other students or send offensive messages or calls will be investigated under the anti-Bullying policy. It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person. As such, the school may consider it appropriate to involve the Gardai in such incidents.
7. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged devices. The safety and security of these items is wholly a matter for students/parents.
8. Refusal to hand over a device when requested is considered a serious misdemeanour and will be dealt with under the Code of Behaviour.