



Use of Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

Children who bring mobile phones and other personal electronic devices to school – this includes the grounds of Saint Ultans and off site activities e.g. orchestra, after-school clubs etc. must hand the phone /device to their teacher/SNA/Care worker/ adult in charge at the beginning of the day/lesson. It will be returned at the end of the day

This decision was taken by the Board of Management:

- Following recommendations from various experts in the field of social media bullying.
- In keeping with our Duty of Care to pupils, staff and the wider school community
- In keeping with our Health and Safety policy

Where a pupil is found by any member of staff to be using a mobile phone or other electronic device, **it will be confiscated for a week from the pupil and returned only to the parent, guardian or carer**, through the Principal's office, following payment of a fine of €5, which will be given to a charity of the school's choice.

Staff members will attempt to keep the device in a safe place – however, **the school will not be liable for the replacement of lost, stolen or damaged devices.**

Children may contact their parents through the school office phone, if deemed by staff to be an urgent matter, thus removing the need to have a mobile phone with them in school.

Any parent wishing to contact their child urgently should ring the main school number (01) 6434599 and messages can be passed on.