



CBS Roscommon – Mean Scoil Na Braíthre

Mobile Phone Policy - Code of Behaviour 2015 – 2016

THIS POLICY LINKS WITH:

- The Code of Behaviour which includes our Exclusion Policy & Procedures
- Dignity in the Workplace
- Safety Statement (Health & Safety Policy)
- Child Protection Procedures
- Supervision Scheme
- Acceptable Use Policy
- Attendance and Participation Policy
- School tour / extra-curricular policy
- Mobile Phone Policy

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Policy Agreed by Board of Management	June 2015
Policy Available for Staff at:	Staff Handbook; School Website
Policy Available for Parents at:	School Website; Office; Student Journal

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Code of Behaviour

Mobile Phones, iPads & Other Electronic Devices (Mobile Phone Policy, 2015)

While CBS Roscommon accepts that it is a student's right to have a mobile phone, 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 students by mobile at any time during the school day. **Contact with the school may be made through the school office and students are directed to use the office telephone if needed.**

a) Where a student brings a mobile to school, the phone must be switched off during the school day from 9am – 3.30pm and may not be used for any purpose on the school premises.

b) Students found in contravention of (a) will have their phone and sim card confiscated for the day and the parent/guardian will collect the phone at the end of this period. On the 2nd and every subsequent occasion the phone and sim card will be confiscated for one week and parent/guardian will collect phone.

c) When a student's phone is confiscated the parent/guardian will be contacted before the end of the school day to notify them that their son has had his phone confiscated. Should a student use his mobile to call, text or communicate, he will also be sanctioned with a detention.

d) Students participating in school related activities (e.g. Study, Extra Curricular Activities, School Trips, Tours etc) must abide by the mobile phone rules governing these activities.

e) No photographs may be taken or recordings, (video or audio) made with mobile phones.

Using phones in such a way can seriously infringe on people's rights. Appropriate sanctions will be imposed.

f) Incidents where students use mobile phones to bully other students will be treated as serious breaches of discipline. 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.

g) The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged phones. The safety and security of mobile phones is wholly a matter for students/parents.

h) It is strongly advised that students mark their mobile phones with their names and use passwords to ensure that unauthorised phone calls or texts cannot be made on their phones.

iPads

iPads may only be used for educational purposes as directed by a teacher. The uploading, downloading or existence of inappropriate material at any time will be regarded as a serious breach of school rules. The use of an iPad as a camera or video/voice recorder or to play games is strictly forbidden. Breaches of any of these rules may result in suspension or referral to the Board of Management who may impose more serious sanctions up to and including expulsion.