



MOBILE PHONE POLICY

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This policy cross-references the following policies:

Reference	POLICY CROSS REFERENCES
CCS 1601	Access Policy
CCS 2509	Child Protection Policy
CCS 2509	Bí Cineálta Policy
CCS 2606	Code of Behaviour

Rationale

From Monday, 6th January 2025, students are not permitted to have mobile phones on the CCS campus during the school day. This decision was taken with the well-being, mental health, and academic success of our students in mind. Research, including insights from Jonathan Haidt's influential book *The Anxious Generation*, highlights the growing concern around the impact of constant mobile phone use on young people's mental health, attention spans, and overall development. As a school, we have a responsibility to provide a learning environment that supports focus, social interaction, and emotional well-being.

Key Points of the Policy:

1. Students are required to switch off their phones and store them securely in their lockers from 9:00 AM until the end of the last class. Students are not permitted to have a phone on their person or in their schoolbag.
2. Students caught with a phone during school hours will have it confiscated for up to a week. Parents may be required to come to the school to collect the phone.
3. Students who wish to obtain a locker may apply for one at a cost of €5.
4. Students without lockers are not allowed to bring phones to school.
5. Should a student need to contact home in an emergency, s/he may do so via the school office. Similarly, parents/guardians must contact the school office if they need to reach their child during the day.

Exception

Students are prohibited from using mobile phones during the school day. An exception may be made where a teacher seeks **advance** permission from the Senior Management Team via email, specifying the **Day/Date** and **Class Period** when the research will be conducted.

Approved educational purposes for the use of a Mobile Phone (BYOD) may include:

- Classroom-Based Assessments (CBAs);
- Physical Activity Projects (PAPs);
- Performance Assessments (PAs); and/or
- AACs (Additional Assessment Components)

For all other purposes, a box of iPads should be booked in advance by the teacher.

When permission is granted:

- Devices may only be used for the activity directed by the teacher.
- Personal communication, social media, gaming and entertainment use are prohibited.
- Permission may be withdrawn at any time.

The school accepts no responsibility for loss, theft, damage or unauthorised access to personal devices brought onto school premises.

MOBILE PHONES PROHIBITED IN CCS CHANGING ROOMS

MOBILE PHONES ARE PROHIBITED IN CCS CHANGING ROOMS **AT ALL TIMES**, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHILD SAFEGUARDING GUIDELINES. STUDENTS SHOULD PLACE THEIR MOBILE PHONE IN THEIR LOCKER PRIOR TO ENTERING THE CHANGING ROOMS. BREACH OF THE MOBILE PHONE POLICY IN RELATION TO CHANGING ROOMS IS REGARDED MUCH MORE SERIOUSLY THAN IN THE NORMAL SCHOOL/CLASSROOM SETTING, DUE TO CHILD SAFEGUARDING OBLIGATIONS. PLEASE NOTE THAT WHERE A STUDENT CLAIMS THAT S/HE IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF A MOBILE A PHONE AND IT LATER EMERGES THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE, THE PHONE WILL BE CONFISCATED AND MAY BE RETAINED IN THE OFFICE FOR UP TO FIVE SCHOOL DAYS.

Enforcement:

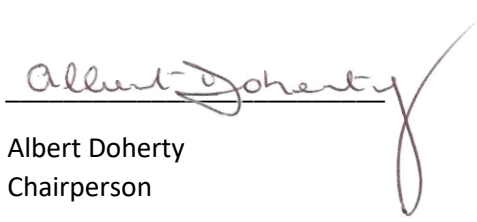
Where a student refuses to hand over his/her phone, s/he will be suspended from school and the suspension noted on his/her school record. Parents/guardians will be informed.

Approved by the Board of Management 17th June 2026

Signed: 

John McGuinness
Principal

Date: 17th June 2026

Signed: 

Albert Doherty
Chairperson

Date: 17th June 2026