

St Killian's College



Mobile Phone Policy

*Approved by the Board of Governors
03 March 2011*

Rationale

Mobile phones are now a feature of modern society and most of our pupils own one. Increasing sophistication of mobile phone technology presents a number of issues for schools:

- The high value of many mobile phones.
- The integration of cameras into mobile phones leading to potential child protection and data protection issues.
- The potential to use the mobile phone e.g. for video, texting whilst on silent mode.
- Access to internet sites that may be inappropriate.

It is not realistic to prohibit mobile phones being brought to school, nor is it logistically possible for schools to collect mobile phones in each morning and return them in the afternoon. It is our policy to allow pupils to have a mobile phone with them in school under the conditions outlined below.

Policy

- 1. Mobile phones must not be used for any purpose (e.g. phoning, texting, surfing the internet, taking photos, checking the time, taking videos) whilst at school.**
- 2. Mobile phones must always be switched off (not on silent mode) and kept out of view.**
- 3. If a pupil breaches these rules the mobile phone will be confiscated and given in to the Head of Year and parents will be contacted and asked to collect the mobile phone.**
- 4. Mobile phones must not be taken into examinations.**

This policy should be read in conjunction with the school's other policies in particular the Positive Behaviour Policy / Anti Bullying Policy / Acceptable Use of the ICT Network Policy.

Emergencies

If a pupil needs to contact his/her parents/guardians they will be allowed to use a school telephone.

If parents need to contact children urgently they should telephone the school office and a message will be relayed promptly.

St Killian's College Mobile Phone Agreement



We have read and understood St Killian's College Mobile Phone Policy.

We have read understood and discussed the procedures about mobile phone use at St Killian's College and will abide by these procedures.

I understand that if I do not abide by these procedures that the mobile phone will be confiscated.

We understand the potential dangers of mobile phone use and have discussed these with my child.

Responsibility for mobile phones:

School accepts no responsibility **whatsoever** for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) relating to mobile phones. It is the responsibility of parents and pupils to ensure mobile phones are properly insured.

Name of child: _____

Child's signature: _____

Parent's name: _____

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

**Please return the completed form and return to your child's Form Teacher
by 09 September 2011**

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St Killian's values the contribution that our parents make to the development of our school policies. With that in mind, we would welcome your input on this policy.



Questionnaire

Do you feel that it is reasonable to ask pupils to keep their mobile phone switched off in school?

Yes No

Do you feel that this is a necessary measure to help in the prevention of Child Protection issues?

Yes No

Do you feel that this policy is adequate?
If you tick 'No' please comment below.

Yes No

Please return the completed questionnaire and return to your child's Form Teacher by 09 September 2011