

Presentation College,
Currylea, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Mobile Phone Policy

Introduction

This policy has been drafted in consultation with the school community including teachers, students and parents regarding the use of smart phones/tablets in Presentation College, Currylea, Tuam.

“Research shows that digital technologies can play a positive role in supporting high quality teaching, learning and assessment. These technologies help promote student engagement and enhance the teaching and learning experience by opening new opportunities for learning, promoting independent learning and providing access to quality online resources. However, their use needs careful consideration and management if they are to have a positive educational impact.” (Circular 0038/2018)

This policy should be read with reference to the Code of Behaviour and the Anti-Bullying Policy. To help us implement this policy, parents/guardians are asked not to arrange to contact students by mobile phone during class time. Contact may be made through the office at (093) 24575

The Policy

- Where a student brings a mobile phone to school, the mobile phone must be switched off during class time unless otherwise directed by teachers.
- Students are permitted to use their mobile phone at breaktime and lunchtime only.

- Teachers may encourage the appropriate use of mobile phones in pursuit of learning in classrooms and other learning settings within the school.
- If a student is using a phone in class without permission, the phone will be taken up by the teacher, brought to the office and will remain in a secure location until collected by a parent or guardian.
- No photographs or recording, either video or audio, can be made on the phone on school premises without the schools permission. Using phones in such a way can seriously infringe on people’s privacy and rights.
- The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones. The safety and security of mobile phones is a matter for students and parents/guardians.
- Students are advised not to loan their mobile device to another person and that they are PIN protected.
- Parents and students are encouraged to check out www.webwise.ie for “easy access to practical advice and information to help address their concerns about the various issues facing their children in the online environment”. (Circular 0038/2018)

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