



## Mobile Phone Policy

### Rationale:

Lurgan Junior High School recognises that mobile phones are an important aspect of everyone's life and have considerable value particularly in relation to individual safety. The school accepts that there may be genuine reasons for their use travelling to and from school and, as such, **phones are allowed in school but must be switched off before entering the school grounds and remain switched off in an inside blazer pocket until the pupil leaves the school grounds at the end of their school day.**

### Aims:

- To ensure that parents, pupils and staff are aware of the School Policy in relation to the use of mobile phones.
- To educate pupils in the responsible use of mobile phones.

### Objective:

To ensure appropriate use of mobile phones by pupils.

### Guidelines:

- **The school will not accept any responsibility for mobile phones brought into school by pupils.**
- **Pupils should switch off mobile phones before entering the school grounds and keep their phone in an inside blazer pocket at all times.** If a pupil's phone is seen or heard during the school day, it will be confiscated by a member of staff and lodged with the Main Office. On the first occasion, a pupil whose phone has been confiscated may report to the Main Office at the end of the school day to reclaim the phone.
- A record of this will be retained in the office. **On subsequent occasions, parents are requested to collect their child's mobile phone at the office between 3:30 and 4:00pm on Friday of that week. There should be no mobile phones on their person or desk during examinations or tests.**

### Evaluation:

To be monitored and reviewed regularly.

**N.B.** Staff are advised not to hold pupils' mobile phone numbers on their own personal mobile phone. There may be occasions when a teacher feels it is appropriate to have a pupil's mobile number i.e. to cancel a match due to weather conditions. Please ensure that parents are aware of this.

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