



CBS Secondary School, Dungarvan.

Mobile Phone/Smart Phone/Smart Watches Policy

While CBS Secondary School accepts that it is a student's right to have a mobile phone/smart watch, 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.

This policy should be read with reference to the Code of Behaviour and the Anti-Bullying Policy and in order to assist the school in implementing this policy, parents/guardians are asked not to arrange to contact students by mobile phone at any time during the school day.

Contact with the school may be made through the office and students are directed to use the office phone in emergencies.

- a) Where a student brings a mobile phone to school, the mobile phone/smart phone must be switched off/on silent during the school day.
- b) Students found in contravention of (a) will have their mobile phone/smart phone confiscated immediately and stored in the safe in the office. It will be returned after three days.
- c) Mobile phones/smart phones may not be used for photographs or recording. Exception to this is when under teacher supervision and for academic purposes.
- d) Incidents where students use mobile phones/smart watches to bully others in the school or send offensive messages or calls will be investigated under the Anti-Bullying policy. 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.
- e) The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones/smart watches. The safety and security of mobile phones/smart watches is wholly a matter for students/parents.
- f) It is strongly advised that students mark their mobile phones with their names and use pin codes to ensure that unauthorised phone calls cannot be made on their phones.
- g) The use of smart watches to receive/send texts is not allowed within the school building. If the latter has been breached they may have their mobile smart watch confiscated immediately and stored in the safe in the office. It will be returned after three days.

This Mobile Phone/Smart Phone/Smart Watches Policy was adopted by the Board of Management on _____ [date].

Signed: _____

(Chairperson of Board of Management)

Date: _____

Signed: _____

(Principal)

Date: _____