

## St Patrick's National School

Slane, Co. Meath

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## **Mobile Phone Policy**

## Background

Mobile phones, while a convenience, can cause considerable distraction in school and in the schoolyard. If abused they can also be the source of bullying. In order to ensure the smooth functioning of the school, while at the same time enabling parents, and children to contact each other during the journey to and from school, the following regulations apply to mobile phones in Slane School.

- 1. Children require the written consent of their parents to bring a mobile phone to school. (See attached consent form).
- 2. Mobile phones must be turned off **before** entering the school grounds.
- 3. Mobile phones may not be used <u>in school</u> or on the <u>school grounds.</u>
- 4. Each phone must be clearly labelled with the child's name.
- 5. A child who brings a mobile phone to school must present it to his/her class teacher **immediately** on entering the classroom.
- 6. All phones will be returned to the children at home time.
- 7. A child may <u>not</u> switch on his/her phone until he/she is <u>outside</u> the school grounds.
- 8. If pupils do not adhere to these rules mobile phones will be confiscated and only returned to parents after a meeting with the Principal.

**Consent Form for Mobile Phones** 

As always, urgent messages to or from children during the day can be delivered through the school office (telephone 041 9824229 or office@slanens.ie

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