




YSGOL GYMRAEG YSTALYFERA-BRO DUR Mobile Phone Policy

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MOBILE PHONES POLICY

Background:

The general viewpoint of the school is that pupils should not bring valuable equipment, which includes mobile phones to school as there is no way of ensuring their safety within the school.

Furthermore there is no educational reason why such equipment needs to be brought to school and in general it interferes with teaching and learning in school. With the increase in on-line and electronic communication, the school is aware and watchful of pupils' safety and the dangers of extensive misuse of this new technology (See e-Safety Policy). If a parent needs to contact a pupil, or a pupil needs to contact their parents during school hours, it must be done through the Main school office (even in an emergency).


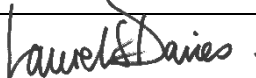
However, the school does acknowledge there is a strong case regarding pupils' personal safety outside of normal school hours, for individuals to carry their mobile phones to school. As a caring community we cannot ignore the fact that many circumstances may arise when a mobile phone is very useful, and essential to pupils.

Policy:

The intention of this policy is to set clear and practical guidelines for such equipment based on "common sense".

1. If it's necessary for a pupil to bring a mobile phone to school to communicate with parents **outside of normal school hours (8.30am – 3.20pm)**. **The pupil should turn off their phone at the beginning of the day and only turn it back on at the end of the school day. Pupils should not use their mobile phone under any circumstance during the school day.**
2. The pupil is responsible for the safety of any electronic equipment; we will not investigate any loss of this kind.
3. If a pupil uses their phone during the school day they must transfer the phone to a teacher and it will not be returned until a letter of authorisation is received from a parent requesting its return the following day.
4. If a pupil uses their phone during a lesson or in a malicious manner towards a member of the school's community, more serious steps will be taken by the school, with the full co-operation of parents.

If you have any queries regarding this policy please contact the school to discuss your concerns.

	Name	Signature	Date
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