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Policy on Mobile Phones

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Mobile Phone Policy

This document states the policy of St. Joseph's Secondary School concerning the possession and operation of mobile phones in the school during the school day.

To avoid disruption in class and because of the possible harmful effect, pupils are strongly encouraged not to bring mobile phones to school. If however parents feel it absolutely necessary that their child does have a mobile phone in his/her possession the following rules must be adhered to:

1. The mobile phone must be powered off and kept out of sight while on the school premises.
2. The mobile phone must not be used on the school premises unless permitted by staff.
3. The school authorities accept no responsibility for the safety or security of a mobile phone. The loss or damage of a phone is the responsibility of its owner.
4. The department of Education and Science does not recognise mobile phones as appropriate for use as calculators or clocks. St. Joseph's Secondary School embraces this Department policy and so mobile phones should not be produced by students using this as a pretext.

Sanctions:

If the phone is visible or rings on the school premises the phone, including SIM card, will be confiscated until the end of the school day in question or thereafter and an Incident Sheet will be issued.

Repeat breaches of the school's policy in regard to mobile phones may lead to suspension.