



Wilson's Hospital School

Mobile Phone Policy

Due to the inappropriate use of Mobile Phones amongst students, we have decided to implement a new Mobile Phone Policy. The policy is designed to discourage students from bringing their phones and/or smart watches to class and using them to the detriment of their education.

Wilson's Hospital School has an 'open door' contact policy for parents, for any necessary communication. The reception office can be contacted on 044 9371115 or email reception@whs.ie, the accounts office can be contacted on 044 9371344, the Boarders Duty office can be contacted on 044 9371115 after school hours.

We respect the students' right to have a phone and/or smart watch, but they ***must*** comply with this mobile phone policy.

DAY STUDENTS:

Once the first bell rings at 08:55 the mobile phone must be switched off and locked away in the 'Phonewaybox' which is attached to every day student's own individual locker.

Students who arrive late for school, either in the morning or afternoon must give their phone to the Deputy Principal. The Deputy Principal will then place it in the student's 'Phoneawaybox' or return it to the student at the end of the school day if convenient.

Spot-checks will take place throughout the school day to enforce this mobile phone policy.

If a student has neglected to place their Mobile Phone within the 'Phoneawaybox' at the required time or is found to be in breach of the rule – the student will be instructed to hand up their phone immediately. The phone will then be either put in their 'Phoneawaybox' or be kept in the Principal/Deputy Principal's office and given back to the student when they look for it at the end of the school day.

If a mobile phone has been placed in the 'Phoneawaybox' and not switched off and causes disruption, the phone will be removed and given to the Principal or Deputy Principal. The phone will not be returned until a parent/guardian has contacted the school to have it returned.

Any deviation or persistent deviation from this code may result in the school taking disciplinary action. This may include suspension or expulsion from the school.

If a student loses their locker key they should not bring their phone to school and a replacement key can be obtained for a nominal fee €5.

BOARDER STUDENTS:

Boarders are free to access their phone lockers in the morning. Their phone must be locked away in the provided charging box before going to the school building to start their school day.

Access is then granted from 15:45 to prep time, when the phone must be returned to their box (18:30 for Seniors, 18:45 for Juniors)

On completion of prep all students will have access to their phone again. Juniors must then lock them away for the night at 21:30 before they retire to their dorms. Seniors will lock theirs away at 23:00 (lights out).

If a student fails to lock their phone away during these designated times it will result in their phone being confiscated and returned Friday afternoon.

Also, if a student loses their locker key their phone will be held in the duty office - a replacement key can be obtained for a nominal fee €5.

Please tick this box and sign below, with your child present to say that your son/daughter will be attending school with a mobile phone.

We have read the Wilson's Hospital School Mobile Phone Policy and fully accept its content.

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Approved by the School Management Board on 17th May 2021