



MOHILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOOL POLICY ON MOBILE PHONES

- **FIRST YEAR STUDENTS are not permitted to bring their phones to schools.**
- If at all possible, mobile phones/mobile camera phones should not be brought to school.
- At all times all phones must be switched off.
- Parents/guardians are requested to refrain from phoning students directly.
- As the Department of Education and Skills does not allow mobile phones to be used as calculators or clocks, this is also school policy.
- If a phone rings or is produced in a classroom or between classes, the phone will be confiscated for a period of not less than one school day and will be returned to the student on receipt of a signed note from the student's parent/guardian. The confiscated phone will be handed in to the Principal's Office by the teacher who confiscates it.
- In order to ensure student safety in the absence of their phone, parents/guardians will be contacted by the school on the day of confiscation to inform them that their son/daughter's phone has been confiscated.
- The mobile phone is the sole responsibility of the student and the school does not accept liability if the phone is lost or stolen. Students bring phones to school at their own risk.
- Where improper or inappropriate images or recordings are discovered, the matter will be dealt with as a serious breach of the Code of Behaviour of Mohill Community College. In these or other circumstances the school may consider it appropriate to involve the Gardaí.
- It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to harass, menace or offend another person.
- On return of the phone, parents/guardians will be required to sign a contract agreeing that the phone will not be brought to school again.

Signed by Parent/Guardian _____

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