

## St. Louis Community School, Kiltimagh

### Second Level Student Mobile Phone Policy

While St. Louis Community School accepts that it is a student's right to have a mobile phone, the following policy aims to maintain a safe, nurturing environment where the personal dignity and rights of all the members of the school community are preserved. In order to assist the school in implementing this policy, **parents/guardians are asked not to arrange to contact students by mobile phone at any time during the school day.** Contact with the school may be made through the office at (094) 9381228 and students are directed to use the office phone in emergencies.

- a) Where a student brings a mobile phone to school, the phone must be switched off and may not be used for any purpose on the school premises or grounds.
- b) Students found in contravention of a) will have phones and SIM card contained therein, confiscated for **ten** school days (**phones will be returned to a parent /guardian at holiday times/weekends if requested and subsequently returned to the school by the student**).
- c) No photographs or recordings can be taken, video or audio, using mobile phones. Using phones in such a way can seriously infringe on people's rights and appropriate sanctions may be imposed.
- d) Incidents where students use mobile phones to bully other students or send offensive messages or calls, while engaged in school activities, will be investigated under the Anti- Bullying policy. It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person. As such, the school may consider it appropriate to involve the Gardaí in such incidents.
- e) The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones. (except in the case where the phone has been confiscated). The safety and security of mobile phones is wholly a matter for students/parents/guardians.
- f) It is strongly advised that students mark their mobile phones with their names and use passwords to ensure that unauthorised phone calls cannot be made on their phones.