



THE ORATORY SCHOOL

MOBILE PHONES POLICY

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Background and aims

While the school recognises both the ubiquity and the benefits of owning a mobile phone, we are also mindful of an increased awareness in society on the addictive effects of mobile technology and the difficulty for pupils of escaping from their devices. This policy is designed to achieve the following:

- To educate all pupils about the proper use of mobile technology in society
- To encourage older pupils to take responsibility for the proper use of mobile technology
- To provide younger pupils with protection from the distractions and other dangers of mobile technology

Policy

- 1st and 2nd form: day pupils hand their phones in first thing and get them back when they go home. Boarders have them after activities each evening, after matches on Saturdays and after Mass on Sundays.
- 3rd and 4th form: All pupils should place their mobile phone in the secure storage locker in their house at 8.25am roll call. Pupils are able to collect their phone from their house after tea.
- Teachers will confiscate phones from pupils in the 1st to 4th forms who are using their phones during lessons and activities during the afternoon.
- Boarders in the 1st to 4th form are expected to hand in all of their devices at bedtime.
- 5th and 6th forms: Pupils in the 5th and 6th forms are expected to manage their own mobile phones and to ensure that they are turned off and out of sight during academic classes. Teachers will confiscate phones that are used during lesson or activity time without permission. 5th and 6th form pupils who fail to achieve the required effort level in quarterly grades will lose the privilege of keeping their mobile device during lesson time and will be required to hand it in at house as outlined above.