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**MOBILE PHONE POLICY**

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**Mobile Phone Policy**

***Coláiste Dún Iascaigh is a mobile/smartphone free school***

CDI recognises that mobile phones are now an integral part of young people’s culture and way of life and can have considerable value when used appropriately. The aim of this policy is to protect the well-being of all within Coláiste Dún Iascaigh.

The introduction of **Phone Pouches** aims to enhance student well-being by minimising phone dependency during the school day. These lockable pouches restrict access to mobile phones for all pupils, mitigating the negative impacts of social media and distractions.

Schools have observed improved concentration levels along with increased social interaction among students following the introduction of Phone Pouches. Schools have also witnessed reduced levels of anxiety and cyber-bullying. These Phone Pouches provide a practical solution to address the challenges posed by excessive phone use in educational settings.

**Therefore, the following procedures have been put in place to protect all within the school.**

**Daily Process**

* Students must bring their pouch to school with them each day. Once a student arrives on school grounds/building they are not permitted to use their mobile phones. All phones at this stage must be powered off and placed in phone pouch and locked.
* During Period 1, students will be asked by their teacher to show their locked phone pouch. During school day pouches may be checked by any staff member.
* If a student arrives late to school, it is their responsibility to ensure their phone is in their phone pouch and locked.
* If phones are needed during class time a teacher may unlock phone pouches. At the end of the class the phone is to be placed back into the phone pouch and locked under teacher supervision.
* If any student needs to leave school early (following correct sign out procedures) the phone pouch can be unlocked at the main office.
* At the end of school day students can unlock their phone pouch as they leave the school building using the unlocking stations.

**Policy Breaches**

* If a student has forgotten their phone pouch the student must hand up their phone to the main office before classes begin. The phone will be held in main office and can be collected at the end of the school day. (-2 behaviour points)
* If a student is found to have a phone out of pouch/not locked the following process will apply:
  + Issued lunchtime detention (-5 behaviour points)
  + Second and each subsequent offences students will receive an automatic suspension
  + More serious sanctions will apply for repeated offences
* The sanction for having a second phone will automatically result in a student being suspended.

**Damaged or Lost Pouch Policy**

* Any loss or damage to the Pouch rendering it unusable will result in the student purchasing a new pouch at a cost of €30.00. If a student consistently forgets their pouch, it is considered lost.
* Replacement pouches can be purchased from the main office

**Communication with home**

* If a student needs to contact home urgently during the school day, they can do so by using landline phones in main office or Deputy Principal offices.
* If parents/guardians need to contact their son/daughter urgently this can be done through the school office **052-7442828.**