



Bellerive FCJ Catholic College

A Catholic Voluntary Academy

12th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Bellerive FCJ has always valued the views and opinions of students and parents alike. One of the issues raised is our ruling regarding mobile phones, and in particular the rule which does not permit students to bring mobile phones into school at all.

On consultation with the staff and the Governing Body, it has been agreed that we will permit students to bring their phones to school so that they can be used in the event of an issue on the way to or from school or a change of plan. To this end, students will be allowed to have phones in school provided that they are **switched off and in their bags**. If they are **seen or heard**, they will be confiscated. This will apply on the school premises at any time. This will be for a trial period initially. We will review it at the end of the Spring Term.

I am sure that parents and carers will support the school in this policy and I ask that you read the attached policy and discuss it with your daughter. Then please sign it and return to school to your daughter's Head of Year. **Once this has been received**, your daughter may then have her phone in school but subject to the conditions outlined in the enclosed policy.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas. The school closes on Thursday 21st December at 12:35pm and reopens for the Spring term on Monday, 8th January 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N. Howlett

Headteacher

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Mobile Phone Policy (Yr 7-11) 2017



Bellerive FCJ Mission Statement:

- To help everyone within a caring community to grow in faith
- To respect and value other cultures and faiths
- To make the most of every given ability
- To enjoy and achieve personal growth and academic excellence
- To prepare pupils for their adult life, playing a full part in a modern global society

History of Document

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BELLERIVE MOBILE PHONE POLICY FOR PUPILS (YEARS 7-11) AND THEIR PARENTS

1. Students are allowed their mobile phones with them in school so that they can remain safe/contact home on their journey to and from school.
2. Before a pupil enters school premises, including the school playgrounds, her mobile phone should be switched off (not put on to silent/vibrate) and put in her bag (not a pocket in a coat or blazer). Pupils will not be allowed to use their mobile phones while waiting for a school bus at 3.20 unless given express permission by the staff on duty in the event of a bus delay.
3. Any mobile phones seen out/being used in school, for whatever reason, will be (in the first instance) immediately confiscated and will be returned to the pupil on the Friday (or last day in school) of the week in which it was confiscated. Any further confiscations of a mobile phone after this first occasion will require a parent to make an appointment with a Head of Year to collect the phone. Repeated confiscations will be viewed as defiance of school rules and will be dealt with by our usual sanctions.
4. If a parent needs to contact their daughter during school hours, please contact the school office rather than directly to your daughter's mobile phone. If a pupil is found responding to a text/call from home during school hours, the phone will be confiscated and the procedure detailed above set in motion. Similarly if a pupil wishes to contact home during school hours (including if they feel unwell) they should not use their mobile phone – they should seek permission from their Head of Year to use a school phone. If the Head of Year decides that contacting home is not appropriate, a pupil must accept this and not use their mobile phone to then contact home.
5. Often mobile phones are used to “cyber-bully”. With this in mind the use of mobile phones to take photographs/videos in school, in the immediate vicinity of school or on school buses is strictly forbidden.
6. The use of mobile phones to update/post to social media in school or on school buses is strictly forbidden.
7. Mobile phones must not be used in classes to access the internet to help with work (for example, accessing Google to research a topic), to access the calculator function found on smart phones, film experiments, photograph notes on boards etc. Please see point 5 above.
8. Parents/carers accept that by sending their daughter into school with a mobile phone that the school accepts no liability for the loss or damage of these items.
9. The school ban on other electronic devices such as iPads (or similar tablet devices), iPods, digital cameras, smart watches etc remains in place.
10. Failure to follow these rules will result in sanctions being imposed in school and the school may use the entire range of sanctions available to it.

I have read and understood the Mobile Phone policy for Bellerive FCJ Catholic College.

Signed: Parent/Carer _____

Daughter's name: _____ Form: _____

Date: _____

Please return this slip to your daughter's form teacher by Thursday, 21st December 2017