

YSGOL UWCHRADD TYWYN



MOBILE PHONE POLICY

The school does not allow pupils to be in possession of a mobile phone during school hours (including break or lunch times) for the following reasons:

- value of a mobile phone (and the temptation to steal)
- the possibility of a mobile phone disrupting lessons
- the use of a mobile phone in bullying
- the use of a mobile phone to take pictures / to film, pupils and staff

1. If the parents consider it vital that their child needs to use a mobile phone before or after school, they may bring the phone to school and hand it in to the form tutor for the day. Labelled plastic bags will be provided and phones kept in a safe all day. They will be returned during the last lesson of each day.
2. If pupils need to contact parents during the day, they may use the school phone from reception.
3. Individual exceptions may be made to this policy in special circumstances (e.g. medical) and in such circumstances the matter will be discussed with parents and staff notified.
4. On school trips which return to Tywyn after 2.45pm, pupils will be allowed to take a mobile phone with them on the trip.
5. If a pupil is caught with a mobile during school hours, the following procedure will ensue:
 - confiscate the phone from the pupil until the end of the school day. Parent/Guardian will be required to collect the phone.
 - if there is reasonable doubt that the phone has been used in an inappropriate way in school (e.g. taking pictures during lessons, filming incidents in school, etc), the phone will be examined in the presence of the pupil and retained for police inspection if necessary.