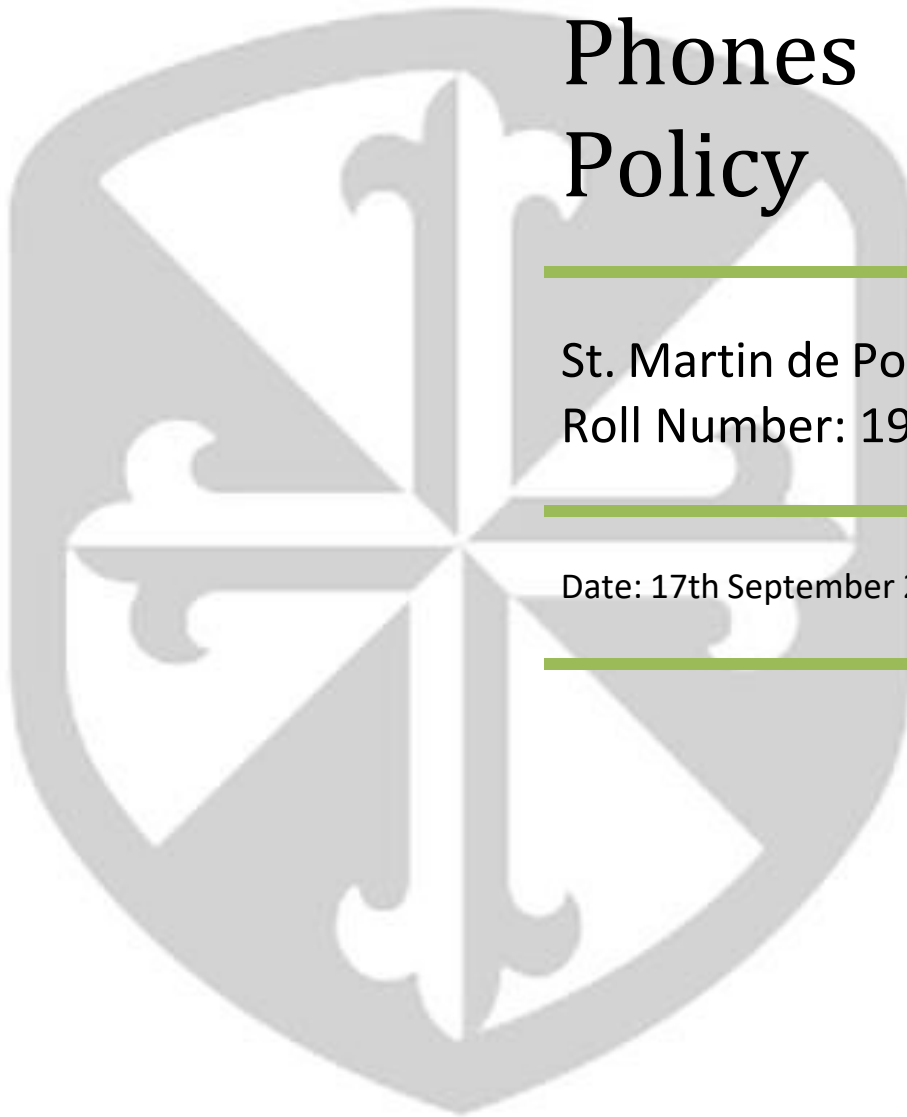

Acceptable Usage of Mobile Phones Policy

St. Martin de Porres NS
Roll Number: 19617W

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Acceptable Usage of Mobile Phones Policy (Pupils)

While the bringing of mobile phones to school is strongly discouraged, the Board of Management of St. Martin de Porres NS recognises that it may be necessary for some children (5th & 6th Classes only) to bring their mobile phone to school. In this instance, the following policy will apply:

- A written request must for the child to have their mobile phone in school must be provided by the parent/guardian.
- The mobile phone must be kept out of sight in the child's school bag during the school day.
- The phone must be switched off at all times during the school day.
- Children are not permitted to take or make calls or text messages or take any photos/recordings on their mobile phones on the school premises. This means phones must not be used until the child is outside the school gates.
- Pupils who ignore this policy and use a mobile phone on the premises will be required to hand the phone to a member of staff without argument or delay.
- Confiscated phones will be returned only the owner's parent/guardian.
- Parents/guardians may collect the phone from the school/Principal's office.
- The school accepts no responsibility for replacing phones that may be lost, stolen or damaged while they are in school. Pupils are advised not to bring valuable items into school unless a parent/guardian has deemed this absolutely necessary.
- It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a phone to menace, harass, cyber bully or offend another person.

Please note that the above procedures apply for all school days including days in school after sacraments (First Communion and Confirmation) and for school tours.

Phone Calls

Children who need to contact parents/guardians by phone must first get permission from the class teacher or Principal. All phone calls will be made by a member of the school staff from the phone in the school office. Similarly, any parent/guardian wishing to contact a child during the school day should do so through the school office.

The school community of St. Martin de Porres NS has an agreed systematic cycle of review of policies whereby new policies are reviewed after one year and subsequently every three years.

In line with the above, this policy will be reviewed in the academic year 2021/2022 and subsequently every three years, unless changes are required by legislation or other needs arise before then.

This policy was reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management on 17th September 2020.

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