

## Policy on Student Drivers

Several students are now using their own or parents' cars to come to school. Parents and students are reminded that provisional licence drivers must be accompanied by a responsible full licence holder at all times. As a result we strongly discourage against students driving to school but in the event of it happening, the following rules apply:

1. Obviously all students must obey the rules of the road and exercise due care when driving in or near the school grounds. Responsibility for this lies solely with the students and their parents.
2. We cannot offer parking facilities and cars have to be parked on the main road.
3. In the course of the school day students are not allowed to leave the school in their cars:-
  - On their own.
  - With other students.
  - On any school outing, sports or otherwise.

The only exception to this is where they are officially signing out of school for an appointment – and so have **both** parental **and** school permission – students must speak to either their Year Head, Deputy Principal or Principal before leaving the school grounds.

4. Students should not spend time in their cars either at break-times or at any time during school hours.
5. If it is necessary for a student to drive to school then their car keys are to be handed to the Deputy Principal or Principal before 9.00am and will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. This is done so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of students during the school day when the school authorities act in loco parentis.

The above rules now form part of the school Code of Behaviour and are subject to the normal sanction for breaches of discipline.

This policy was drafted with the co-operation and advice of An Garda Síochana.

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