



Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School

School Statement on the inappropriate use of social media

As per the Acceptable Use Policy, any social media accounts, pages or groups that use the school's name or images are strictly prohibited. The school will do its best to investigate any incidences of cyberbullying, i.e., when students in the school post something about another student or students in the school. This is difficult, as images or posts are often deleted before any investigation starts. Under The Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act, 2020, it is a criminal offence to distribute, publish or threaten to publish or distribute an intimate image of another person without their consent. If this happens to your child, you should report immediately to an Garda Síochána. It is also illegal to possess such images as this is classed as Child Pornography. We strongly urge parents to monitor their children's phones and social media accounts, especially in relation to Snapchat. We also advise parents to attend our internet safety information session in August.