

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust

Social Media / Mobile Devices Policy

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Mobile device and social media policy for guests

Many parents of the young people that we bring on pilgrimage to Lourdes value the ability to easily contact their child, and therefore the Trust does not prohibit our guests from bringing mobile devices with them on pilgrimage. However, the Trust has strict policies on the circumstances in which guests may use the mobile devices that they bring with them, and how such devices may be used.

Voice calls and instant messaging apps

Guests may only make and receive voice calls or send and receive text messages on their mobile devices if given permission by the group leader. In order to encourage group interaction, group leaders may restrict the times of day at which such voice calls or text messages may be made. Voice calls and instant messages should only be sent and received when the guest is with the rest of group, and such use is forbidden in hotel bedrooms.

Photography

Guests are forbidden from taking photographs of themselves or other guests or carers in hotel bedrooms. At any other time, photographs of any member of the group (or other groups) may be taken only with express permission of the group leader. The HSE prohibits the taking of photographs of guests who are in the care of HSE.

Social media

Guests are forbidden from using social media in hotel bedrooms, and may only be used in other circumstances if given express permission by the group leader. Guests are forbidden from sharing any photographs or videos taken while on the pilgrimage on social media unless given express permission by the group leader to do so.

Mobile device and social media policy for carers

Carers must respect the dignity of the young people under our care, and take into account the best interests of the Trust when using mobile devices or social media while on pilgrimage. Carers must follow the direction of the group leader on the use of social media and mobile devices, should the group leader in question wish to restrict further their use in their particular group. It is recommended that you do not give your personal contact details to guests.

