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Personal Communication Devices and Social Media Policy

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On June 17, 2024, Alberta's government introduced new restrictions on the use of personal communication devices in classrooms and access to social media sites on school networks.

At Lilian Schick School, we value student learning and academic, social and emotional growth.

To maintain a focused and engaging learning environment, we ask that students keep their Personal Communication Device (PCD) put away during class. If you need to use your phone, please talk to your teacher so we can find a solution that works for you. Students requiring the use of a PCDs for health, medical reasons or special learning needs must provide a doctor's note detailing the need to the principal.

We ask that parents take time to explain and reinforce the guidelines introduced. Having a personal communication device is a privilege, not a right; students are to respect the limitations which are designed to increase student engagement and reduce bullying.

In order for our teachers to focus on the success of their students, it is important that students understand their responsibilities according to these guidelines. We want our staff to focus on teaching and supporting students, not enforcing the guidelines to the detriment of all students.

Students are not permitted to access social media sites during the school day. School devices and networks will not have access to these sites.

Possession and use of a Personal Communication Devices must fall within these guidelines:

- PCDs must be turned off or on silent (not vibrate) upon entering the building and remain turned off or on silent throughout the remainder of the school day.
- PCDs will be kept in students' lockers or backpack during school instructional hours.
- PCDs may be used appropriately during the morning and afternoon recess periods.
- PCDs may NOT be brought into the washrooms or locker rooms AT ANY TIME.
- PCDs cameras and audio recorders may only be used for specific educational purposes and only with prior permission of the teacher or administrator. Upon the completion of the task all PCDs must be returned to silent or turned off and be stored in backpacks or lockers.

- If a student inadvertently forgets to put their PCD away upon arriving at class, the teacher will send the PCD to the office, where it will be held until the end of the day.

Students who choose to bring cell phones to school do so at their own risk. The school assumes NO liability for lost, stolen or damaged cell phones. It is also noted that use or wearing of headphones or air-pods in the hallways or common areas and during class time is prohibited.

Failure to adhere to established guidelines will result in the following corrective measures:

- Level 1 Infraction: PCDs and/or headphones are turned in to the office and can be picked up at the office at the end of day. Infraction will be recorded as a Log Entry in Powerschool.
- Level 2 Infraction: PCDs and/or headphones are turned in until the end of the day and parents are notified. Infraction will be recorded as a Log Entry in Powerschool.
- Level 3 Infraction: PCDs and/or headphones are turned in until the end of the day and parents are notified to pick up the phone. Phone will not be returned to the student. Infraction will be recorded as a Log Entry in Powerschool.
- Level 4 Infraction: The student will not be permitted to bring their cell phone on campus. Infraction will be recorded as a Log Entry in Powerschool.

NOTE: We recognize that there are times when you need to contact your child during the school day. Please contact the school office at 780.921.2200 and we will be sure to connect you with your child if required.