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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

The Ministry of Education has directed all Saskatchewan school divisions to develop procedures regarding the responsible use of personal electronic devices – including cell phones – during instructional time in K-12 classrooms. The purpose of this letter is to ensure that students and their families are aware of our new admin procedure as we prepare for the start of the new school year next week: [437 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices \(spiritsd.ca\)](#)

Please note:

- Personal electronic devices will not be permitted during instructional time for all grades (K-12). Some schools may also have additional restrictions during non-instructional time.
- Personal electronic devices will not be accessed in washrooms or changerooms at any time.
- An exemption may be granted to students who have identified learning adaptations and/or medical restrictions or limitations.
- At times, Grade 9 - 12 classrooms may be granted an exemption to engage in a specific learning task when requested by the teacher and approved by the principal.
- Schools will follow their regular discipline practices while enforcing these expectations.

We believe this will support a balance between the role of technology and the well-being and learning of students.

We appreciate your support as you discuss this with your children to ensure they have a clear understanding of these expectations at school. You can anticipate a letter from your school administration later this week with the details of implementation at your school.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we work together to foster safe and successful classrooms in Prairie Spirit School Division. We look forward to learning together this year!

Sincerely,

Tracey Young  
Director of Education