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Dear Eastwood Community,

Our priority is ensuring each student has a successful, positive experience at ECI. We have a responsibility to cultivate an environment that is focused on learning, builds meaningful connection, and supports wellbeing. Our [Student Code of Conduct](#) provides helpful information and student expectations to support each member of our student community. In September 2024, the [Ontario Ministry of Education](#) mandated rules for using cellphones (or other mobile devices) in school. At ECI, classes should begin with cellphones (or other mobile devices) put away. If you need to contact your student during class time, please call the main office.

We want to help students to protect their personal property while at school. Individual lockers are available for the duration of the school year. Cellphones, and other personal belongings, can be stored in a locked locker to ensure they are safe and do not distract from learning in class. **We strongly advise against students leaving cellphones in washrooms, changerooms, or other common areas.**

If a student uses a cellphone (or other mobile device) without teacher approval in class, ECI will respond using a progressive discipline approach that aligns with the [WRDSB's Code of Conduct](#) and [PPM 128](#): The Ontario Ministry of Education's Provincial Code of Conduct. Teachers will remind students to put away their cellphone. If used again, teachers will ask students to hand in their cellphone for the duration of the class. If a student refuses, they will be sent to speak with an administrator who will keep the cellphone for the remainder of the school day. Ongoing noncompliance with this policy can result in communication with the parent/guardian and suspension from school. ECI administration and teaching staff will be communicating these expectations to students during orientation to ensure each student is set up for success.

Students are allowed to use their cellphone (or other mobile device):

1. Before and after school, between classes, and during lunch.
2. With teacher permission to complete a learning activity, such as research.
3. As part of a health/medical or special education accommodation determined by the school in consultation with the student and family.

Thank you for your valued partnership in supporting student learning at ECI this year.

Sincerely,

The ECI Administration Team