



Herring Cove Junior High

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Dear HCJH Families,

As you may be aware, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has recently announced a Provincial Directive on Cell Phones in Schools. This directive recognizes the importance of maintaining a learning environment that is free from unnecessary distractions so that students can focus, feel safe and be successful in school.

What does this mean for students at our school this year at HCJH?

- Students may still carry a cell phone to and from school if necessary.
- During class time the cell phones must be turned off and stored in lockers.
- Students in Grades 6 may **not** use their cell phone at any time during the day.
- Students in Grades 7 & 8 are permitted to use cell phones during recess and lunch and at times when the teacher deems them necessary for classwork.
- At no time are cell phones permitted in washrooms or change rooms.
- Parents and Guardians will need to call the office [902 479-4214] to pass along important messages.

What happens if a student does not follow these expectations?

- The first time, they'll be referred to the office where the device will remain for the day. (student will collect phone at the end of day)

Parent or guardian will be notified.

- The second time, they'll be referred to the office and the device will be held until a parent or guardian meets with the principal to retrieve the device.

Parent or guardian will be notified.

- The third time will be dealt with using the Provincial Code of Conduct which will result in an out of school suspension.

Parent or guardian will be notified.

As these rules represent a significant shift from our former policy, teachers and administration will be working with students & parents on how to best institute the changes here at school. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

Regards,

Jim Curry

Principal HCJH