

Mossburn School Policy - Phones away for the day

At Mossburn School, our approach to cell phones supports student engagement and achievement.

Cell Phone regulations

To comply with government regulations, we ensure students do not use cellphones during school hours, including break times. Parents/Caregivers can request an exemption from the school if required. We allow exemptions for students to use cellphones if they are required for:

- a specific educational purpose approved by a teacher
- health needs (e.g. to monitor insulin levels)
- disability or learning support needs
- a special circumstance approved by the principal.

If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child during school hours, **they should call or text the office.**

Students should not use smartwatches for communication during school hours.

If a student needed to have a cell phone on the bus, it would need to be handed in to the school office when they first arrived at school, and collected again at the end of the day.

Rules about cellphones are a **school bylaw**. The board consults with the school community when making or amending bylaws. We discuss school rules about personal digital devices at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed.