



Government of Bermuda

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2025/26 school year.

The Bermuda Public School System (BPSS) remains committed to strengthening both student learning and overall well-being. One of the key concerns we have observed is the increasing amount of time students spend on mobile phones and other personal electronic communication devices (PECDs) during the school day. These devices distract from learning, disrupt the classroom environment, and often negatively impact mental health, peer relationships, and safety due to issues such as social media content, online messaging, and cyberbullying.

To address this, effective Tuesday, September 9, 2025, the BPSS will be enforcing its **mobile phone and personal device policy** more rigorously. This means:

- Mobile phones and devices (including smartwatches, gaming consoles, and Bluetooth accessories) **must be turned off and stored away before entering the school building.**
- Devices **cannot be turned on again until students leave the building at the end of the school day.**
- The policy applies during the regular school day as well as during afterschool programmes and all co-curricular or extra-curricular activities on school grounds.

Please note that:

- Middle and senior school students may continue to use school-approved laptops, Chromebooks, and tablets required for learning.
- Limited exceptions will be made for students with specialized learning needs or medical requirements.

We ask for your support in reinforcing these expectations at home. Working together, we can help create safer, calmer, and more focused learning environments for all students.

I look forward to a successful year ahead and the positive outcomes this policy will bring to our schools and students.

Sincerely,

Senator, The Hon. Crystal C. Caesar, JP
Minister of Education