P.S. 2 - The Meyer London School
Internet-Enabled Device Policy

Dear P.S. 2 Families,

At P.S. 2, we are committed to creating a focused, engaging, and supportive learning environment where all students can thrive. As part of this commitment, we are implementing NYC Public Schools' new citywide policy on cell phones and electronic devices.

What You Need to Know:
Effective September 4, 2025, all NYC public schools are required to have a policy that prohibits student use of personal internet-enabled devices during the school day and on school grounds. Students may still bring cell phones and other internet-enabled devices to school but cannot use them during the school day unless an approved exception applies. School-issued devices for lessons are permitted.

Devices covered by this policy include, but are not limited to:
- Smartphones
- Smart watches
- Tablets

Exceptions may be made for:
- Medical needs
- Requirements by a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 plan
- Students responsible for the care of a family member
- Exceptions must be requested in writing and sent to Assistant Principal, Lauren Philogene, at lphilogene@schools.nyc.gov

Exception Processing Timeline
Exception requests will be reviewed and responded to within 3-5 school days.

Devices will be stored:
Personal items like backpacks are not considered adequate storage. The new cell-phone policy is "bell-to-bell" and includes lunch and recess, but does not include after school programs. Smartphones and other devices will be collected upon arrival at the entrance to the auditorium and stored in a locked collection box. The collection box will be moved to and housed in the main office during the school day. Devices will be returned to students at the end of the school day, at dismissal. If a student is picked up early, they will go to the main office to retrieve their device.

Lost/Damaged Storage Procedure:
If the locked collection box is damaged or a device is misplaced, the school will assist with recovery. Families may also submit a claim to the NYC Comptroller's Office.

Policy Violations:
We know it can take some time to adjust to a new routine. However, using devices during the school day takes away from learning. If a student does not follow the policy:

First Offense: The device will be sent to the main office and returned to the student at dismissal.

Second Offense: The device will be sent to the main office and must be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Repeated Offenses: May result in loss of the privilege to bring a device to school and a parent-teacher conference to discuss next steps.

In Case of Emergency or Exigent Circumstances:

- Parents or guardians can call Parent Coordinator, Vera Chang, at (212) 964-0350.
- Students may access phones in the main office to reach parents or guardians.
- The school will use the *Remind* app to communicate information to parents or guardians. Please download the app onto your smartphone and any device you regularly use and enter your contact information to activate your account. During the week of August 25th, and once your child has been assigned to a class, you will receive an email with a class code and directions on how to get started.

Learn more:
Full policy in multiple languages: schools.nyc.gov/DevicePolicy

We are committed to a smooth transition and will support our students and families, focusing on teaching responsibility and maximizing learning time. We appreciate your partnership in creating a focused and enriching educational experience.

We look forward to a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Rachel Rosenbaum
I.A. Principal