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Dear Parents,

Hoërskool Elspark is aiming towards a total CELL PHONE FREE school in 2027.

Reasons are as follows:

1. Too many cell phone thefts during school time.
2. Cyber Bullying is becoming an ongoing problem.
3. Exam Irregularities are increasing as learners turn to AI to assist them in their tests/exams.
4. Pornography and sexual exploitation.
5. Learner's safety; the learners get robbed of their phones/ or followed by criminals outside the school.

We are totally aware that we are living in a modern era where cell phones are the only means of communication between parent and child for transport arrangements etc. Cell phones are also a means to contact someone in a dangerous situation.

Before 1995 there were no cell phones available and everybody had to properly plan their days and make prior arrangements. We would urge for you to preplan properly.

Breaking this rule will lead to the cell phone being confiscated and kept for the rest of the year.

Procedure when a cell phone is confiscated:

1. The phone will be placed in a sealed envelope.
2. The learner's name, surname, date, time and reason for confiscation will be written on the envelope.
3. The envelope will be handed to Ms. R. Venter and signed in.
4. Ms. R. Venter will store the phone securely in Mr. J. Visser's secured cupboard.
5. The date of return will be on the day that the last report for the year is handed out.
6. The phone may only be collected by a parent.
7. A confiscation slip will be issued to the learner.

We request your cooperation in ensuring that learners comply with the School Code of Conduct.

Kind regards,

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