



# Sir William Osler Elementary School

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## Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At SWO we are continuously working with our community to enable students to be innovative, creative and responsible citizens in the digital and physical world. Digital Citizenship is more than just a teaching tool; it is a way to prepare us for a society full of technology. A digital citizen is one who knows what is right and wrong, exhibits intelligent technological behaviour and makes good choices when using technology. Each SWO classroom is provisioned with technology and our school has wireless access. Our learning spaces blend face-to-face, pencil to paper and online learning in many ways each and every day. When technology is integrated as a learning tool, students are able to connect, collaborate, create, code and publish in innovative ways that are engaging and real-world.

At SWO, we learn in many ways and focus on:

- creating the conditions necessary for collaborative, inquiry-based learning environments in order to meet the needs of all learners;
- blended learning with choice in how we learn individually and together where there is purposeful combination of face-to-face and online interactions;
- using technology to enhance and accelerate how we learn with and from others in our physical and virtual world;
- helping to raise responsible citizens in a digital world.

Parents, students, and staff model and collaborate on safe and best practices that support students with the tools and skills to make good choices online. In order to support the learning associated with making good decisions online, please see below the SWO School Device Procedures. Teachers implement the school wide device procedures in their classrooms.

### School Device Procedures

1. Devices are to be used for instructional purposes only from 9:10 am to 3:30 pm.
  - Teacher signals when devices may be used during class.
  - **"Screens down"** means put the device face down.
2. Recording (videos, pictures) of anyone without permission will result in progressive discipline.
3. Devices are not to be used during nutrition breaks.
4. No device use at lockers or when walking in the hallways.
  - No accessing the device while traveling from class, including earbuds.
5. No devices in the bathrooms or change rooms at any time.

We thank you for your support. For more information, please visit our website [www.hwdsb.on.ca/sirwilliamosler](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/sirwilliamosler)

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