



1.6 Use of mobile phones and cameras

Policy statement

We take steps to ensure that there are effective procedures in place to protect children, young people, and vulnerable adults from the unacceptable use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting.

Procedures

Personal mobile phones

- Personal mobile phones belonging to our staff and volunteers are not used on the premises during working hours.
- At the beginning of each individual's shift, personal mobile phones are stored in a locked drawer.
- In the event of an emergency, personal mobile phones may be used in privacy, where there are no children present, with permission from the manager/deputy.
- Our staff and volunteers ensure that the work telephone number is known to immediate family and other people who need to contact them in an emergency.
- If our members of staff or volunteers take their own mobile phones on outings, for use in the case of an emergency, they must not make or receive personal calls as this will distract them.
- Our staff and volunteers will not use their personal mobile phones for taking photographs of children on outings.
- Parents and visitors are requested not to use their mobile phones whilst on the premises. They will be requested to sign their phones in at the office upon arrival, along with any photograph equipment i.e. Smart Watch or camera, where these will remain until they leave.
- Visitors will be advised of a quiet space where they can use their mobile phone, where there are no children present.

Cameras and videos

- Our staff and volunteers must not bring their own cameras or video recorders into the setting.
- Photographs and recordings of children are only taken for valid reasons, i.e. to record their learning and development, or for displays within the setting whilst children are present.
- Photographs or recordings of children are only taken on equipment belonging to the setting.
- Camera and video use is monitored by our manager.
- Where parents request permission to photograph or record their own children at special events, permission will first be gained from all parents for their children to be included.(Where applicable)

- Photographs and recordings of children are only taken of children if parents provide written permission to do so.
- If an Assessor / Visitor or OFSTED are required to use their own personal laptop / tablet within the room, they will be asked to cover the camera over with a sticker. This is to ensure the safety and welfare of all children, as web cameras can be remotely accessed.

If any of these conditions are breeched by staff members, disciplinary actions will be taken.

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