



SAFEGUARDING & WELFARE REQUIREMENT: CHILD PROTECTION

1.6 Use of mobile phones and digital recording equipment (Pol No 6)

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 members of staff are not used on the premises during working hours.
- At the beginning of each individual's shift, personal mobile phones are stored in the staff room.
- In the event of an emergency or senior management request, personal mobile phones may be used in the staff room, office or breakfast room when children are not around, with permission from the manager.
- Members of staff ensure that the telephone number of the setting is known to immediate family and other people who need to contact them in an emergency.
- If members of staff take their own mobile phones on outings, for use in the case of emergency, they must not make or receive personal calls as this will distract them.
- Members of staff 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. There is an exception if a visitor's company or organisation operates a lone working policy that requires contact with their office periodically throughout the day. Visitors will be advised of a quiet space where they can use their mobile phone, where there are no children present.

Cameras and videos

- Members of staff must not bring their own digital recording devices into the setting unless requested to do so.
- Photographs and recordings of children are only taken for valid reasons, i.e. to record their learning and development on facebook or website, or for displays within the setting.

- Photographs and recordings of children are only taken on equipment belonging to the setting.
- Camera and video use is monitored by the setting 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.
- Photographs and recordings of children are only taken of children if there is written permission to do so (found on the individual child's Registration Form).