

Kangaroo Kids Camera, Mobile Phone, Smart Watch and Recording Devices Policy

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Statement of Intent

While there is no statutory ban on mobile phones in early year settings, childcare providers are required to have a safeguarding policy which covers their use. As many safeguarding incidents are now connected to mobile phones and online devices, it is essential to have clear policies and procedures in place to ensure they are used safely and appropriately.

Aim

To maintain high standards of care and always ensure the safe supervision of children, with no distractions from mobile phones or other devices.

To protect children and ensure photographs and recordings are only taken when parental consent has been received and any photos and videos are securely stored on Kangaroo Kids owned phones.

To protect staff from any allegations regarding use of devices.

Procedures

- Personal mobile phones, cameras, smart watches and recording devices should be either turned off or on silent and not accessed during working hours, except in the case of an emergency
- All visitors and volunteers will be asked to put away mobile phones and other devices and not to take photographs or recordings for the duration of their visit
- Mobile phones can only be used on a designated break, and this must be away from the children.
- In circumstances where it is necessary for staff to make a personal call they should (with the agreement of the setting Manager) remove themselves from the setting to make the call
- Photographs or recordings must not be taken of the children on any personal storage devices. Only Kangaroo Kids owned devices can be used to take photography and videos.
- Staff must not use personal mobile phones to communicate with parents/carers
- Children will only be photographed or recorded using devices that belong to Kangaroo Kids. Children will only be photographed or recorded if parental consent has been obtained. These pictures will be stored in the child's profile and will remain with the child as they move on to other educational settings
- If a member of staff breaches the policy, action will be taken in line with the Pre School grievance and disciplinary procedures