

MOBILE PHONE AND CAMERA USE POLICY

IT IS MY STATUTORY DUTY TO SET OUT REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE LIMITS TO MANAGE THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES, CAMERAS & ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES WITH IMAGING AND SHARING CAPABILITIES IN MY SETTING.

Digital technologies such as mobile phones and cameras can be effective tools within a setting. Cameras and camera applications on smartphones can be used to take photos of activity outcomes and for visual records of observations. Mobile phones allow a childminder to be contactable at all times. However, a child's wellbeing must always be respected.

PROCEDURES

- I will only take photos of children in my care if I have agreement from the parent/carer.
- Photos may be taken by camera or by mobile phone.
- Visitors to the setting will be asked to leave their mobile phone, camera or any other electronic devices with imaging or sharing capabilities in the drawer in the hallway.
- I will password protect entry to my mobile phone.
- I may download photos onto my computer for the sole use of my setting for example to add a face onto some craft.
- I will only download photos onto any social media site, or similar website such as Facebook if permission has been granted by the parent/carer.
- I will delete photos when no longer required or if parents specifically ask.
- I promote the safe use of technology in my setting by children, including mobile phones, cameras and any other electronic devices with imaging or sharing capabilities.

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The Policy supports the following requirement and standards



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- Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework and Ofsted Requirements