



## **Mobile Phones, Smart Watches, Cameras, Video Cameras**

We are committed at our setting to providing a safe environment for all the children in our care.

Inappropriate use of mobile phones, smart watches, cameras or video cameras can expose our children to unnecessary risks. We have a duty of care to safeguard all our children and protect them from harm, or the potentially harmful behaviour of others.

The use of mobile phones, smart watches and cameras or video cameras within the setting and the school grounds is not permitted.

Staff, committee members, parents and visitors must keep their mobile phones and cameras off the premises or switched off at all times. Smart watches with cameras must not be worn at the setting, staff working at the setting are required to sign a smart watch declaration, which must be updated should there be any changes to record.

There is a telephone on site at the pre-school and emergency calls can be made or received if necessary.

It is always unfortunate that the inappropriate behaviour of a few unpleasant people in our society, inevitably affects the majority of decent law-abiding citizens. This inevitably leads to Government legislation, which has had to be acted upon.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Anyone found to be using a camera, smart watch, video camera or mobile phone on the preschool site, or within the preschool building will be challenged by a member of staff and asked to switch off and put away the equipment.

There is a camera available for staff to use at the setting, the pictures that are taken of the children are used for display purposes or to go into children's learning stories.

When children start at the preschool consent is sought from parents, to take and use pictures in this way.

We also have a website in which photos are displayed, parental permission is also sought to use the children's pictures on this site.