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Smart watch and other electrical devices including smart glasses policy

The welfare, protection and safety of every child in our care is of paramount importance. We take responsibility to safeguard children whilst in our care as our priority.

We have procedures in place which we ask everyone to respect to help with the welfare of all children in our care.

We believe that whilst your children are in our care staff should be completely attentive and ensure all children have the best care and attention during this time.

Smartwatches and other electrical devices including smart glasses with imaging and/or audible sharing capabilities must not be used during working hours. Many smart watches now offer internet and e mail access. Alongside functions of messaging, sound recording, access to music and call functions.

This policy also aims to address some of the challenges posed by smartwatches and other wearable devices in our pre-school.

Including:

Risk to child protection

Data protection issues

May cause disruption to the daily Pre-school routine

Appropriate use of technology in the room

Location tracking

This policy applies to all individuals who have access to the Pre-school, including practitioners, trustees, volunteers, parents, carers, children and visitors. They are asked not to use smartwatches and other smart devices whilst in the Pre-School building.

It is understood that these devices may cause concern for misuse. Including taking images of children and distribution of images of children. They may cause distraction within the room to children and adults with the misuse of smartwatches/glasses and other devices.

The aim is to safeguard both children and adults to avoid distraction and disruption to the day. To avoid any safeguarding situations and the misuse of functions on these devices.

Staff, volunteers, and anyone else are not permitted to use their smartwatches or wearable devices while children are present. We ask for all notifications to be turned off and only to be used whilst in the office to avoid any misuse.

If anyone is seen to be using their smartwatch within the room then they will be asked to stop and it may also be recorded in writing and shared with the relevant person, for example the DSL or Manager or Trustee. A yellow form may be used if it is felt necessary. (Reporting a concern about a member of staff). The process of reporting or keeping as a record will be followed.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Signed:

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Position: Chair of Trustees

Date: