

Ecclesall Kids Club



1.8 Mobile Phone Policy

Ecclesall Kid's Club fosters a 'culture of safety' in which the children and staff are protected from abuse, harm and distress. We therefore have a clear policy on the acceptable use of mobile phones that is understood and adhered to by everyone: staff, children and parents. Abiding by the terms of the club's mobile phone policy ensures that we all:

- Protect children from harm and abuse
- Prevent staff from being subject to false allegations
- Help staff remain focused on the care of the children
- Work in an open and transparent environment

Staff use of mobile phones

Personal mobile phones belonging to members of staff are kept in side each individual bubbles staff box, the box must at all times have the lid placed on top and be placed away from the children. If a member of staff needs to make an urgent personal call they can use the club phone or make a personal call from their mobile out in the school car park, away from the school building. If a member of staff has a family emergency or similar and needs to keep their mobile phone to hand, prior permission must be sought from the Manager or Duty Manager. Under no circumstances may staff use their personal mobile phones to take photographs at the club during working hours.

Children's use of mobile phones

Whilst we understand that some children have mobile phones, we actively discourage them from using their phones within the club. If a child brings a mobile phone to the club it will be placed in the bubble staff box, along with staff's belongings until the child is collected. The club does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones brought to the club by the children. Children must not use their mobile phone to take photographs of any kind whilst at the club. If they want a photograph of a particular activity they can ask a member of staff to take one using the club camera.

Visitors' use of mobile phones

In the interest of safeguarding we ask all parents and visitors not to use their phones or mobile devices on club premises and keep them inside their belongings at all times. Taking of photographs by parents or visitors is strictly prohibited. This includes taking photographs of their own children. If a parent wants to have a photograph of their child involved in an activity or at play, parents can ask a member of staff to take one using the club camera. Visitors to the club will be asked to voluntary place their mobile phone in the locked cupboard.

Related policies See also: Safeguarding Children policy.



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