

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Child Protection

The safeguarding policy and procedures must include an explanation of the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff, and cover the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting.

1.6 Use of mobile phones, cameras and other electronic devices with imaging and sharing capabilities are used in the setting

Policy statement

Leverstock Green Playgroup take steps to ensure that there are effective procedures in place to protect children, young people, and vulnerable adults from the unacceptable use of mobile phones, cameras and other electronic devices with imaging in the setting.

Procedures

Personal mobile phones

- Personal mobile phones belonging to our staff and volunteers are not used on the premises during working hours.
- At the beginning of each individual's shift, personal mobile phones are stored in the office.
- In the event of an emergency, personal mobile phones may be used in privacy, where there are no children present, with permission of the leader.
- Our staff and volunteers ensure that the work telephone number is known to immediate family and other people who need to contact them in an emergency.
- If our members of staff or volunteers take their own mobile phones on outings, for use in the case of an emergency, they must not make or receive personal calls as this will distract them.
- Our staff and volunteers will not use their personal mobile phones for taking photographs of children on outings.
- Parents and visitors are requested not to use their mobile phones whilst on the premises. All mobile phones/personal belongings are stored in the office. We make an exception if a visitor's company or organisation operates a lone working policy that requires contact with their office periodically throughout the day. Visitors will be advised of a quiet space where they can use their mobile phone, where there are no children present.

Cameras and videos

- Our staff and volunteers must not bring their own cameras or video recorders into the setting.
- Photographs and recordings of children are only taken for valid reasons, i.e. to record their learning and development, or for displays within the setting whilst children are present.
- Photographs or recordings of children are only taken on equipment belonging to the setting.
- Where parents request permission to photograph or record their own children at special events, permission will first be gained from all parents for their children to be included.

- Photographs and recordings of children are only taken of children if parents provide written permission to do so (found on the individual child's Registration Form).
- Ipads, Apple watches and any other electronic devices with imaging – all staff are aware not to take photos on any other device than the Playgroup ipads for record keeping . All visitors are supervised to ensure they do not take any photos on any device eg apple watch

This policy was adopted by _____ *(name of provider)*
On _____ *(date)*
Date to be reviewed _____ *(date)*
Signed on behalf of the provider _____
Name of signatory _____
Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner) _____