



Television, ipads, phones and Games Consoles Policy

I believe that watching television in certain conditions can aid young children's attention, comprehension and vocabulary. Research has shown that having a television on as background noise can be detrimental to a child's play and concentration and reduce the learning of new vocabulary. I believe that the use of games on ipas, phones and consoles can help to develop skills such as hand-eye co-ordination and turn taking. However, I feel that these should be limited in order to encourage children to participate in a wide variety of experiences, which help build their all-round development. I aim to use the use of television and games consoles carefully to ensure that children's learning is aided and not compromised.

I will ensure that programmes available to children are suitable for their age and stage of development and will discuss with parents/carers their wishes for the programmes and DVD's they are happy for their child to view.

I aim to always watch television with young children so that we can talk about the programme afterwards and I can model any new vocabulary gained. Viewing time is limited and the television is switched off as soon as the programme is finished or when children lose interest.

Children will be permitted to use ipads, phones and games consoles providing the game is intended for their age. I will work with parents/carers to set realistic time scales for the use of these. If children wish to bring their own in from home, I request this be discussed with me beforehand. This will ensure the content will be suitable for other children attending and brought on a day when our routines will allow time to play it. They will remain the child's responsibility whilst they are here and I cannot be held responsible for any breakages that may occur whilst in my house.