



Mobile Phone, Smartwatches and Social Networking Policy

EYFS: 3.4

At Little Lambs Nursery, we promote the safety and welfare of all children in our care. We believe our staff should be completely attentive during their hours of working to ensure all children in the nursery receive good quality care and education. To ensure the safety and well-being of children we do not allow staff to use personal mobile phones during working hours. We use mobile phones supplied by the nursery to provide a means of contact in certain circumstances, such as outings and during evacuation procedures.

We require our staff to be responsible and professional in their use of social networking sites in relation to any connection to the nursery, nursery staff, parents or children. We ask parents and visitors to respect and adhere to our policy.

Staff must adhere to the following:

- Mobile phones are either turned off or on silent and not accessed during your working hours
- Mobile phones can only be used on a designated break and then this must be away from the children
- Mobile phones should be stored safely within the staffroom area at all times during the hours of your working day
- During outings, staff will use mobile phones belonging to the nursery wherever possible. Photographs must not be taken of the children on any phones or any other information storage device, either personal or nursery owned
- When using social networking sites such as Facebook staff must:
 - Not name the setting they work at
 - Not make comments relating to their work or post pictures in work uniform
 - Not send private messages to any parents/family members
 - If a parent asks questions relating to work via social networking sites, then staff should reply asking them to come into the setting or contact the manager
 - Ensure any posts reflect their professional role in the community (e.g. no drunken night out pictures or crude comments)
 - Report any concerning comments or questions from parents to the manager/safeguarding lead
 - Follow the staff behaviour policy
 - Not post anything that could be construed to have any impact on the nursery's reputation or relate to the nursery or any children attending the nursery in any way
- If any of the above points are not followed then the member of staff involved will face disciplinary action, which could result in dismissal.

Parents and visitors' use of mobile phones and social networking

Whilst we recognise that there may be emergency situations which necessitate the use of a mobile telephone, in order to ensure the safety and welfare of children in our care and share information about the child's day, parents and visitors are kindly asked to refrain from using their mobile telephones whilst in the nursery or when collecting or dropping off their children.

We promote the safety and welfare of all staff and children and therefore ask parents and visitors not to post, publicly or privately, information about any child on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. We ask all parents and visitors to follow this policy to ensure that information about children, images and information do not fall into the wrong hands.

Parents/visitors are invited to share any concerns regarding inappropriate use of social media through the official procedures (please refer to the partnership with parents' policy, complaints procedures and grievance policy)'.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
<i>22/04/2021</i>	<i>C Morrison</i>	<i>April 2024</i>