



## Use of Technology by Children Policy

Funtastic Kids 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 technology that is understood and adhered to by everyone: staff, children and parents. Abiding by the terms of this policy ensures that we all:

- Protect children from harm, abuse and bullying
- Ensures no photographs of any kind are taken of children on mobile devices including smart watches by other children, whilst at the club
- Ensures no unsuitable material of any kind is downloaded and shared children on mobile devices including smart watches
- Help staff remain focused on the care of children
- Work in an open and transparent environment
- Encourage children to participate in the activities on offer.

### Children's use of mobile electronic devices including Smart watches

Whilst we understand that some children have mobile phones, ipads and other electronic device, we actively discourage them from bringing them into the holiday camp. On arrival to the holiday camp, we encourage parents to take the electronic devices, including phones and smart watches, away with them. In the case of older children, especially playleaders, the supervisor will collect their phone and smart watches and place it in a locked box until the end of their session at holiday camp. Smart phones are included in the above and can pose a safeguarding risk if used to access the internet or take photos of other children. Please ask your child to leave this at home.

The holiday camp does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to electronic devices brought to the holiday camp by the children.

### Visitors' use of mobile phones

Parents and all other visitors must not use their mobile phone - or any other device - to take photographs within the holiday camp. This includes taking photographs of their own children. If they want 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 holiday camp camera or phone.

### Related policies

See also: **Safeguarding Children policy.**

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Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2014): Safeguarding and Welfare requirements: Child Protection [3.4].*