



E-Safety

Including Use of Mobile Phones, Cameras and Images

Information and Communication Technology (ICT), digital and mobile technology resources are an important part of children's learning and development. When using technology with young children it is important to ensure that the resource is used safely and responsibly. Computer and web-based skills are vital to access life-long learning and employment; indeed ICT is now seen as an essential life-skill.

When using ICT at pre-school the following will be adhered to:

Internet access for children and young people will be designed for educational aspects of social and developmental use and will include age appropriate filtering.

Guidance about appropriate Internet use will be part of the support for children and young people.

Any access to the Internet will be closely supervised by an adult allowing access to specific and agreed sites only.

If adults or children discover unsuitable sites, the URL (address) and content will be reported to the Internet Service Provider.

We make regular checks to ensure that the filtering methods selected are appropriate, effective and reasonable.

Any material that the setting believes is illegal must be referred to the Internet Watch Foundation www.iwf.org.uk

In common with other media such as magazines, books and DVDs, some material available via the Internet is unsuitable for children and young people. We will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users access only appropriate material. However, due to the international scale and linked nature of Internet content, it is not possible to guarantee that unsuitable material will never appear on a computer. We cannot accept liability for the material accessed or any consequences of Internet access.

The use of online chat and social networking sites will not be permitted for any children in the settings.

Emerging technologies will be examined for educational benefit and a risk assessment will be carried out before its use is allowed.

The settings have mobile phones with cameras which are used to capture images of an exhibition/display and for important communication with parents/carers. The settings have tablets which are used to take photos for observational purposes to contribute to the children's learning journeys. Photos from all devices are kept confidential and automatically back up to the One-drive or Cloud which is monitored closely by the manager. At Apple Blossom Nursery Practitioners store their personal mobile phones on the staff desk or in their personal bags which are stored in the playroom in view of other staff members.

If visitors need to use their mobile phone they are requested to do so outside of the setting. This is in our code of conduct which all visitors are asked to read and sign to confirm understanding and agreement.

Adults who are not DBS checked will not be left unattended with children so that their mobile phone and camera use can be monitored, along with all other aspects of their interactions with the children.

The setting exercises its right to monitor the use of its computer systems and any mobile devices including tablets and phones.

The children have access to a 'slate' large tablet/PC to play games from sites such as Cbeebies and other carefully checked applications.