



Leading Strings

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices Parent/Carer/Visitor Policy

Legislation

Early Years Foundation Stage - Safeguarding and Welfare requirements 2017

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2016

Leading Strings recognises that visitors may wish to have their personal mobile phones and/or devices with them for use in case of emergency.

However, safeguarding of children within the setting is paramount and it is recognised that personal mobile phones and other electronic devices have the potential to be used inappropriately and therefore the setting management has implemented the following procedures:

- Visitors are asked to not use their mobile phones within the setting; not to make phone calls, send text messages, use the Internet or operate any camera device on their phone. Mobile phones and any similar devices, E.g. iPads, tablets, cameras should remain out of sight for the duration of the visit. If not, we will ask you to put the device away or to leave the premises.
- Mobile phones should only be used away from the children, E.g. Car park, kitchen, outside the building.
- In exceptional circumstances, such as a family emergency, visitors should seek permission from the setting manager/deputy to use their mobile phone in an approved place - this can then be accessed in the aforementioned places.
- Visitors remain responsible for their own property and will bear the responsibility of any losses or damages.

"At Leading Strings, we are committed to the safeguarding and welfare of our children. We expect everyone who comes in contact to the setting to share our commitment."

Policy agreed on

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