

## **Mobile Phone Policy**

Mobile Phone's are not used in the setting around children, however we do have a phone which can be used for Parents to contact us and them us, to update of sickness etc. Photos are taken of the children when appropriate and used for observaions and to send to the parent. The use of a mobile phone never detratcs from the quality of care and supervision of the children.

My mobile phone is vital on an outing as they are often the only means of contact and can be helpful in ensuring the children are kept safe.

I will sometimes use my mobile phone to take photos of the children playing to assist with observations and for sharing with parents or whilst on outings.

The statutory guidance listed in the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage states that providers should take contact telephone numbers and a mobile phone on all outings. They are included in the risk assessments for all outings I go on. The contacts on my mobile phone are kept private, as my mobile is password protected.

The safety of the children in our setting is paramount. We will not allow casual or inappropriate use of mobile phones whilst working with children. I will ask visitors to place their mobile phones in a basket or kept in their bags, whilst I am caring for children.

We are comitted to ensuring that my Mobile Phone policy is a living document which is reviewed and updated at least annually.