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**P2P Coaching**

**Mobile Phone & Wearable Technology Policy**

P2P accepts that mobile technology is part of the ever-changing digital environment that we live and work in. P2P continues to foster 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 mobile phones and other wearable technology that is understood and adhered to by everyone; staff, children and parents.

Abiding by the terms of the club’s policy ensures that we all:

* Protect children from harm and abuse
* Ensure privacy is respected and online safety is preserved
* Prevent staff from being subject to false allegations
* Help staff remain focused on the care of children
* Work in an open and transparent environment.

With the evolution of mobile and wearable technology including camera facilities as standard, it is of the upmost importance that the way we deal with mobile phones and wearable technology is managed safely.

**Staff use of mobile phones and wearable technology**

Director of Camp will be permitted to occasionally use a mobile device to take photos and videos with the consent of parents. These will be used for business purposes only.

Wearable technology such as Smartwatches and Fitbits are permitted to be worn by staff.

If a member of staff needs to make an urgent personal call they can make a personal call from their mobile away from the children or group.

Staff will use phones to communicate with other coaches on the campgrounds for logistical coordination and smooth transitions.

**Children’s use of mobile phones**

Whilst we understand that some children have mobile phones, we actively discourage them from using their phones within the camp. They will not be allowed to use them during their time at the camp. Parents are required to contact the P2P phone number if they wish to speak with their child during camp.

The club does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones and electrical items brought to P2P by the children.

Children must not use their mobile phone to take photographs of any kind whilst at the club. If they want a photograph of a particular activity, they can ask a member of staff to take one using the camp phone or camera.

**Visitors’ use of mobile phones**

In the interest of safeguarding we ask all parents and visitors not to use their phones or other mobile devices on P2P premises. Taking of photographs by parents or visitors is **strictly prohibited**. If a parent would like to have a photograph of their child involved in an activity or at play, they can ask a member of staff to take one using the P2P phone or camera.

**Guidance**

To safeguard children and practitioners online, our staff will be encouraged to refer to “Safeguarding children and protecting professionals in early years settings: online safety considerations”*.* (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-and-protecting-professionals-in-early-years-settings-online-safety-considerations)

**Related policies**

See also: **Safeguarding Children policy**.

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