

VERWOOD C.E. FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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Use of Mobile Phones and Cameras

We take steps to ensure that there are effective procedures in place to protect children, young people, and vulnerable adults from the unacceptable use of mobile phones and cameras in the Nursery.

Personal mobile phones belonging to our staff and volunteers are not used on the premises during working hours. At the beginning of each individual's shift, personal mobile phones are stored in a safe. In the event of an emergency, personal mobile phones may be used in privacy, where there are no children present, with permission from the Childcare Leader

Our staff and volunteers ensure that the work telephone number is known to immediate family and other people who need to contact them in an emergency. If our members of staff or volunteers take their own mobile phones on outings, for use in the case of an emergency, they must not make or receive personal calls as this will distract them.

Our staff and volunteers will not use their personal mobile phones for taking photographs of children on outings. Parents and visitors are requested not to use their mobile phones whilst on the premises. Visitors will be advised of a quiet space where they can use their mobile phone, where there are no children present.

Our staff and volunteers must not bring their own cameras or video recorders into the Nursery. Photographs and recordings of children are only taken for valid reasons, i.e. to record their learning and development, or for displays within the Nursery whilst children are present. Photographs or recordings of children are only taken on equipment belonging to the school. Camera and video use is monitored by our Childcare Leader in the Nursery.

Photographs and recordings of children are only taken of children if parents provide written permission to do so which they did upon registering with the Nursery.

Please refer to the whole school policy in relation to photography use.