

Use of electronic equipment, media and publicity policy and procedure

To be read in conjunction with our child protection policy and procedure, confidentiality policy and staff code of conduct.

It is the policy of Wenvoe Playgroup to place children's safety and wellbeing as their highest priority, while acknowledging the advantages of information and communications technology in our world.

We will do this by:

- Maintaining and implementing a rigorous child protection policy, confidentiality policy and code of conduct for staff.
- Designating *Sandra Morgan* as the lead person for information/communications sharing.
- Ensuring all adults in Wenvoe Playgroup are clear about their duty of care when in a childcare environment.
- Setting appropriate controls on computer use by any children in our care, including access to the internet and any software provided by Wenvoe Playgroup or by parents/carers or children.
- Disallowing use of social networking sites within the work place except those strictly within the terms of Wenvoe Playgroup's business.
- Having a clear expectation that staff maintain professional boundaries in terms of their use of social network sites outside of work.
- Using Wenvoe Playgroup's designated camera for recording activities and events related to our practice for the purpose intended and no other and in line with written consents obtained and our confidentiality policy.
- Ensuring mobile phones belonging to staff members (including students and volunteers) are left with personal belongings in the kitchen area.
- Ensuring staff members advise visitors on entry to place their mobile phones and their bags in the kitchen area. Visitors are not allowed to carry mobile phones about their person. If visitors wish to make a call whilst the group is in operation they must be supervised or leave the building.

- Ensuring that specific and appropriate arrangements are made for any member of staff (including students and volunteers) who – exceptionally – may have a reason to maintain access to their personal mobile phone.
- Bringing to account via the disciplinary process any member of staff (including students and volunteers) who, by failing to comply with this policy, is deemed to bring Wenvoe Playgroup into disrepute. This may include legal proceedings.

Media and publicity

It is our policy to place children's safety and wellbeing as the highest priority in any event that places Wenvoe Playgroup in the public arena.

We will do this by:

- Dealing with any public attention focussed on Wenvoe Playgroup through one designated person (*registered person*).
- Informing parents/carers and staff on a need-to-know basis of the situation as soon as practicable and their role within it.
- Ensuring staff (including students and volunteers) have clear instructions to forward any queries from the media and/or parents/carers to the designated communications officer.
- Keeping parents/carers and staff updated and informed of any changes and impact they may have on Wenvoe Playgroup and the children in our care.

This **use of electronic equipment, media and publicity** policy and procedure was passed for use in Wenvoe Playgroup

On: 27.09.2017

By: Sandra Morgan

Position: Registered Person/Leader

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