

Parent/Carer Electronic Devices (phones, smart watches, iPads, cameras) and Social Networking Policy

Statement of Intent

It is the intention of YMCA Bath Group to provide an environment in which children, parents, carers and staff are safe from images or words being recorded and inappropriately used. YMCA Bath Group recognises the educational, promotional and communicational advantages of using social media and seeks parental support in making sure that no one is offended or harmed in their use.

Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are commonly used sites for social media and must never be used to post offensive material about YMCA Bath Group's business, staff, children and families who use their nurseries or preschools. Nor should they be used to post images or information about children unless previously agreed with us and by those children's parents.

Parental Guidance

Social Networking

- Our staff teams are instructed not to accept invitations from children, parents/carers to "friend" on social networking sites and to do so, would put them in a difficult working position. We expect them to maintain a professional relationship with a parent that is not compromised by sharing information on a social networking site.
- Similarly we ask you not to post information on your site that could affect our staff or other families and their children from our nursery or preschool. This particularly would apply if children's names or photographs were to appear in the context of our settings or staff names or details were to be uploaded. This would also apply if comments were to be made about other children/parents at our setting or about our staff.
- We would always take legal advice if our preschool or nursery were to be quoted in a defamatory way on a social networking site or comments were to be made about our staff or other families.

Mobile Phones/electronic devices including electronic devices with cameras

- Parents/ carers mobile phones/electronic devices should be switched off before entering the preschool or nursery site at all times.
- They are not to be used in the setting at any time.
- They should not be switched back on until parents/carers have left the premises.

All other policies relating to YMCA Bath Group are available for you to read at the childcare setting or on our web site

Signed on behalf of YMCA Bath Group
(original signed copy held at registered office)



Mike Fairbeard

Role of Signatory

Chief Executive

Date of Review of Policy

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YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.