4Wards Multi-Activity

Mobile Phones and Wearable Technology Policy

4Wards Multi-Activity accepts that mobile technology is part of the ever changing digital environment that we live and work in. 4Wards Multi-Activity 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

Personal mobile phones belonging to members of staff are allowed to be on their person due to the potential need to make contact with another coach, parent of emergency services.

Wearable technology such as Smartwatches and Fitbits (this list is not exhaustive) are permitted to be worn by staff. They may only used as a watch when working with children.

Under no circumstances may staff use their personal mobile phones or wearable technology to take photographs at the club during working hours.

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 club. Parents/carers must speak with the lead coach if they believe their child has a valid reason to have their mobile phone on their person during the day.

4Wards Multi-Activity does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones brought to the club 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 club camera.

Related policies

See also: **Safeguarding Children policy.**

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