



Mobile Phone Policy

PlaySport fosters 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 that is understood and adhered to by everyone: staff, children and parents. Abiding by the terms of the club's mobile phone policy ensures that we all:

- Protect children from harm and abuse
- Prevent staff from being subject to false allegations
- Help staff remain focused on the care of children
- Work in an open and transparent environment.

Staff use of mobile phones

Personal mobile phones belonging to members of staff are kept in their coaching bag, location reception or locked away in a safe location during working hours.

If a member of staff needs to make an urgent personal call, they can use the site telephone or make a personal call from their mobile, ensuring they are not in eyesight of the children

If a member of staff has a family emergency or similar and needs to keep their mobile phone to hand, prior permission must be sought from the Manager or **PlaySport** Director

Under no circumstances may staff use their personal mobile phones to take photographs at the session 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 our sessions.

PlaySport does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones brought to any session by the children.

Children must not use their mobile phone to take photographs of any kind whilst at a **PlaySport** session. If they want a photograph of a particular activity, they can ask a member of staff to take one using a **PlaySport** 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 our 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 a **PlaySport** camera.

Related policies

See also: **Safeguarding Children policy.**

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