Mobile Phones, Smart Watches, Rings & Glasses, Cameras, Recording Devices and Video Cameras

We are committed at our setting to providing a safe environment for all the children in our care.

Alburgh with Denton & Harleston Preschool, staff and committee are committed the safeguarding of all children that attend our setting. We believe that all children, young people and their families have the right to be healthy, happy and safe; to be loved, valued and respected; and have high aspirations for their future.

Inappropriate use of mobile phones, smart watches, rings & glasses, cameras or video cameras can expose our children to unnecessary risks. We have a duty of care to safeguard all our children and protect them from harm, or the potentially harmful behaviour of others.

The use of mobile phones, smart watches, rings & glasses with cameras or video camera functions within the setting and the school grounds is not permitted.

Staff, committee members, parents and visitors must keep their mobile phones and any items of technology with camera and recording functions, away from any areas of the preschool that the children have access to. They may remain in the office and visitors must keep their phones switched off. Smart watches, rings & glasses with cameras or recording devices must not be worn by staff at the setting during working hours.
Staff working at the setting are required to sign a smart technology declaration annually, which must be updated, should there be any significant changes to record. Smart technology must be used safely and appropriately by all staff and must in no way compromise the safety of our children. Smart watches without cameras, recording and video recording functions may be worn by staff on duty, **for the purpose of time keeping only**.
Personal smart watches are not to be used by staff whilst on duty, to check and respond to messages and emails and/or to use any other functions other that the clock. As this both compromises the safety of our children, whilst inhibiting the high-quality interventions and interactions, that are so important to our children's learning and development.

There is a telephone on site at the preschool and emergency calls can be made or received as and when required.

It is always unfortunate that the inappropriate behaviour of a few unpleasant people in our society, inevitably affects the majority of decent law-abiding citizens.
This inevitably leads to Government legislation, which has had to be acted upon.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Anyone found to be using a camera, smart watch, rings, glasses, video camera, recording device or mobile phone on the preschool site, and/or within the preschool building will be challenged by a member of staff and asked to delete the images and switch off and put away the equipment.

There is a camera available for staff to use at the setting, the pictures that are taken of the children are used for display purposes or to go into children's learning stories via Famly.

When children start at the preschool consent is sought from parents, to take and use pictures in this way.
We also have a website in which photos are displayed, parental permission is also sought to use the children's pictures on this site.

All staff members regularly attend safeguarding training; the preschools have designated staff members (DSL) to take lead responsibility for safeguarding children.

The nominated DSL- people at the preschools to report concerns to, or those who will be active in Child Protection issues are

- Manager; Jayne Rayner jayne@alburghwithdentonpreschoolnursery.co.uk
- Trustee; Hannah King hannah772@msn.com
- Karen Edwards (Alburgh) info@alburghwithdentonpreschool.co.uk
- Allie Moss (Harleston) info@harlestonpreschoolnursery.co.uk

The designated safeguarding lead (DSL) is responsible for liaison with local statutory children's services agencies, and with the Local Safeguarding Partners. However, it is every person, responsible for looking after children, that must be alert to any issues of concern in the child's life, both at home or elsewhere.