Newport Infant School and Nursery

And High Five Club

Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Policy

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Introduction
At Newport Infant School and Nursery, as well as our High Five After School Club, the safety and well-being of all children are our top priorities. As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we have implemented a clear policy regarding the use of mobile phones and smartwatches at the club. This policy ensures that children are able to enjoy their time at the club without distractions or safety concerns.

1. Smart Watches

- **Prohibited Devices**: Children are not allowed to wear smartwatches or any devices with similar functionality (e.g., those capable of accessing the internet, sending messages, or making calls) while attending school / nursery / High Five provision.
- **Reason**: These devices pose potential safeguarding risks, as they can be used to access social media, send messages, or even record footage without supervision. Our policy is designed to maintain a safe environment where children can engage fully in the activities without the risk of inappropriate communication or distractions.

2. Mobile Phones

- **General Rule**: Children should not bring mobile phones to the infant school, nursery or High Five (Infant provision) at all. Children should not bring mobile phones to High Five (junior provision) unless prior arrangements have been made with Newport Junior School.
- **Exception**: In special cases, if a child at High Five (junior provision) needs to bring a phone (for example, for travel arrangements), this must be agreed upon with the junior school beforehand.
- **Procedure Upon Arrival**:
    - If a mobile phone is brought to High Five (junior provision), it must be handed in to a staff member as soon as the child arrives.
    - Phones will be stored in a lockable cupboard for the duration of the club session.

3. Liability and Usage

- **Liability**: High Five After School Club accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones or smartwatches brought to the club. Please note that it is the responsibility of the child and their parent/guardian to ensure that devices are stored safely.
- **Inappropriate Use**: If a child is found using their mobile phone or smartwatch inappropriately during the club (e.g., making calls, sending messages, accessing the internet), the device will be confiscated. The child will be required to follow the rules and return the device at the end of the day.

4. Communication Between Parents and Children during out of hours care

- **Contacting Children**: If parents need to contact their child during club hours, please use the usual procedure by calling the High Five After School Club directly. We will ensure that any important messages are passed on to the child in a timely manner.
- **Emergencies**: In the event of an emergency, we will make every effort to ensure your child is safely contacted.

5. Conclusion

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for all children at Newport Infant School and Nursery, including High Five Provision at Infants and Juniors. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our mobile phone or smartwatch policy, please contact school.