



Mobile Phone and Wearable Technology Policy

Rising Stars Activities 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, tablet computers and wearable technology.

Personal mobile phones belonging to members of staff are kept in a tray during working hours unless risk assessed and have permission from venue manager. Risk assessed phones will only be permitted to be used to enhance the children's and parents experience such as sign out, they will not be permitted for personal use.

If a member of staff needs to make an urgent personal call they can use the club phone or make a personal call from their mobile in the staff area.

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 Deputy.

Tablet computers owned by Rising Stars Activities will be risk assessed and will be used on site for tasks such as sign in, out and taking pictures of authorized children. These pictures are only stored on the Rising Stars Device and are not shared. Rising Stars management will only have access to tablet computers.

Wearable technology such as Smart watches and Fitbits (this list is not exhaustive) are permitted to be worn by staff. They may only be used as a watch when working with children. This means all other functions will be turned off with the watch in flight mode.

Children's use of mobile phones, tablet computers and wearable technology

Whilst we understand that some children have mobile phones, tablet computers and wearable technology we actively discourage them from using their phones within the club.

The club does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to any mobile phone, tablet computer or wearable technology brought to the club by the children.

Children must not use their devices 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.

Visitors' use of mobile phones

Parents and all other visitors must not use their mobile phone – or any other device - to take photographs within the club. This includes taking photographs of their own children.

Related policies

See also: **Safeguarding Children policy.**

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To be reviewed: 13/03/2026	Signed: Mr Eliot Tang

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