

Mobile Phone Policy

We have a clear policy on the acceptable use of mobile phones that is understood and adhered to by everyone: staff, students and parents.

Abiding by the terms of the club's mobile phone policy ensures that we all:

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

Staff use of mobile phones

Staff personal mobile phones are allowed to be used during the sessions for work-related situations, such as directions to a location or playing music in the car. Members of staff have their phones on them in case of emergency and if an urgent phone call is required. Staff must never use their personal mobile phone or cameras to take photographs during working hours. Doing so will be considered gross misconduct and may result in instant dismissal.

Student's use of mobile phones

Whilst we understand that the students will have mobile phones, we actively discourage them from using their phones during sessions. Stride does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones brought to Stride by the students. Staff must not use their mobile phone to take photographs of any kind. If they want a photograph of a particular activity they can ask a member of staff.

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 unless necessary. Taking 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.

Related policies: **Safeguarding and Child Protection policy, Staff Disciplinary policy, Staff Behaviour policy.**

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