

Blue Windmill Nursery

Screen Use Policy

Policy statement

Blue Windmill Nursery provides a predominantly screen-free environment. Computers, tablets, televisions and other screen-based devices are not provided for children's routine use.

We believe young children learn best through:

- play and exploration;
- conversation and responsive relationships;
- books, songs and storytelling;
- physical and outdoor activity;
- practical, creative and sensory experiences.

Screens will not be used routinely to occupy children, manage behaviour or replace interaction with staff.

Exceptional use

Screens may be used occasionally where there is a clear purpose, such as:

- assistive technology for a child with SEND or communication needs;
- briefly viewing content that supports a planned experience and cannot reasonably be explored directly;
- an emergency or exceptional circumstance.

Any use will be brief, age-appropriate and supervised by a member of staff. Content will be checked beforehand, and children will not access online material independently.

Children under two will not ordinarily be shown screen content, except for agreed assistive technology.

Staff use of devices

Staff may use authorised nursery devices for necessary work, including observations, photographs, nursery records and communication with parents.

Device use must not distract staff from supervising, interacting with or responding to children. Photographs and recordings will only be taken and stored through approved nursery systems and in accordance with parental permissions.

Personal devices must be managed in accordance with the nursery's safeguarding arrangements.

Children's personal devices

Children should not bring personal screen devices into nursery unless an individual arrangement has been agreed to support a specific need.