

Smart Watch Policy for Outside School Hours Care

Purpose:

To ensure a safe and respectful environment for all children in our care, while addressing the use of smart watches during our program.

Policy Overview:

While we acknowledge that smart watches can serve as useful communication tools for families and assist parents in tracking their children's whereabouts for safety, their use also poses safety and privacy concerns. This policy outlines our expectations regarding smart watch usage and the consequences for inappropriate use.

Expectations for Use:

1. **Communication Only:**

Smart watches should primarily be used for communication with parents. Any other features, such as games, social media, or photo capabilities, should remain disabled during care hours.

2. **Distraction-Free Environment:**

Children must ensure that their smart watches do not disrupt the program. Watches should be set to silent mode during activities, including roll call and information sharing from activity providers.

3. **Privacy Considerations:**

Taking photos of other children without consent is strictly prohibited. We encourage children to respect each other's privacy and personal space.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use:

1. **First Instance:**

A reminder will be given regarding the policy, and the child will be asked to refrain from using their watch during care hours.

2. **Second Instance:**

A discussion will be held with the child about the importance of adhering to the policy. Parents will be notified of the repeated behaviour.

3. **Third Instance:**

The smart watch will be temporarily confiscated for the remainder of the day. Parents will be contacted to discuss further steps.

4. **Repeated Misuse:**

Continued disregard for this policy may result in a ban on bringing smart watches to the service for a specified period, or your child's smart watch being held by

Nanyima for the time they are at the service, and collected by your child at pick up time.

Final Note:

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in maintaining a positive and safe environment for all children. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your support.