

Carly's Angels Childminding

Use of Mobile Phones & Cameras Policy (Childminder Only)

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1. Introduction

Carly's Angels is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This policy complies with the Data Protection Act 2018, UK GDPR, Keeping Children Safe in Education, Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018), the EYFS Statutory Framework (2023), and guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

2. Purpose

To ensure mobile phones, cameras and recording devices are used safely and appropriately, protecting children's privacy and personal data.

3. Use of Personal Mobile Phones

Personal phones must be stored securely and not used during contact time with children except in emergencies. Devices must be on silent mode.

4. Photography & Video

Only setting-approved devices may be used to take photographs or videos of children. Written parental consent must be obtained prior to any image being taken. Images must only be used for agreed purposes such as learning journeys or displays.

5. Storage of Images

All images must be stored securely on password-protected devices in line with UK GDPR principles. Images must not be shared via social media or messaging platforms without explicit written consent. Data will be retained only as long as necessary.

6. ICO Compliance

Carly's Angels processes personal data lawfully, fairly and transparently. Records of processing activities are maintained in line with ICO expectations. Parents have the right to request access to their child's data and request deletion where appropriate.

7. Responsibilities

The registered childminder is responsible for implementing and reviewing this policy annually. Any misuse of devices will be treated as a safeguarding concern and managed in line with safeguarding procedures.

8. Visitors & Parents

Visitors and parents must not photograph or record other children without consent. Mobile phone use may be restricted on the premises to protect children's safety.

9. Monitoring & Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if legislation changes.