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## Mobile phones

Mobile phones are not permitted at Forest School, as we believe that time within nature away from the pressures of screens is healthy for overall wellbeing. This policy stands for staff, visitors and children. But, if agreed in advance, and the phone is needed, it must be handed in to the Forest School leader at the beginning of the session. Phones brought to Forest School must be kept in bags or the lockbox and must not be used for taking photos. This avoids not only distraction, but also sharing of sensitive data. The Forest School leader or the assistant will show the child where the phone is securely stored. The child will be made aware that in agreed circumstances they will be able to ask to use their phone. It is accepted that some children may need to have a phone for differing reasons, but this must be agreed in advance of the sessions by the child's parents/referrers and Kinda Forest School. A written agreement is part of the application form signed by parents/referrers and Kinda Education. There will always be a GDPR-safe phone on site for emergencies and a camera for recording all of the wonderful things we do at Forest School.

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