



Social Networking

EYFS:3.4

Social media is becoming a large part of the world we live in and as such Golden Apples is committed to making sure we protect our children by having procedures in place for safe use.

We use Golden Apples private Facebook page to share pictures with parents of the activities the children have accessed at nursery. In order to safeguard children, we:

- Ensure all children in the photographs or posts have the correct permissions in place from their parent / carer.
- Not allowing others to post on our Facebook page, i.e. only management can post on the page, only parents / family / carers who have been invited to join the group can view and comment on the posts
- Monitor comments on all posts and address any concerns immediately.

Staff use of social media We require our staff to be responsible and professional in their use of social networking sites in relation to any connection to the nursery, nursery staff, parents or children.

When using social networking sites such as Facebook or Instagram staff must:

- Not name the setting they work at.
- Not make comments relating to their work or post pictures in work uniform.
- Not send private messages to any parents/family members.
- If a parent asks questions relating to work via social networking sites, then staff should reply asking them to come into the setting or contact the manager.
- Ensure any posts reflect their professional role in the community (e.g. no inappropriate social event photos or inappropriate comments i.e. foul language).
- Report any concerning comments or questions from parents to the manager/safeguarding lead.
- Follow the staff behavior policy.
- Not post anything that could be construed to have any impact on the nursery's reputation or relate to the nursery or any children attending the nursery in any way.
- Not belong to our closed Facebook group if linked to a personal account.
- Staff may be connected to the nursery's Facebook and Instagram accounts for the purposes of posting, liking, sharing, and commenting on approved content. However, staff will not be granted administrative access or full control of these pages.

If any of the above points are not followed then the members of staff involved will face disciplinary action, which could result in dismissal.





Parents and visitors' use of social networking

We promote the safety and welfare of all staff and children and therefore ask parents and visitors not to post, publicly or privately, information about any child on social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We ask all parents and visitors to follow this policy to ensure that information about children, images and information do not fall into the wrong hands.

We ask parents not to:

- Send friend requests to any member of nursery staff
- Screen shot or share any posts or pictures from the nursery on social media platforms (these may contain other children in the pictures)
- Post any photographs to social media that have been supplied by the nursery with other children in them (e.g. Christmas concert photographs or photographs from an activity at nursery)

We ask parents to:

- Share any concerns regarding inappropriate use of social media through the official procedures (please refer to the partnership with parent's policy, complaints procedures and grievance policy).

