
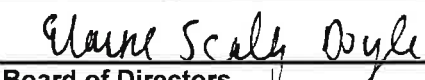


SCAMPS+ SCHOLARS Killorglin Community Childcare Centre CLG		MULTI-MEDIA POLICY			
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Principle:

Scamps and Scholars recognises that children's television programs, educational and recreational DVD's, and music/radio can provide entertainment and education to children, provided that the material listened to, watched or played is age appropriate and supervised and is a very small element of the curriculum provided. (Child Care (Pre-school Services) (No 2) Regulations 2006 and Child Care (Pre-school Services (No 2) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 Part II, 5 Health, Welfare and Development of the Child) (Siolta Standard 7: Curriculum, Siolta Standard 9: Health and Welfare) (National Standard 3: Working in Partnership with Parents or Guardians, National Standard 8: Care Play and Learning).

Scope:

The policy covers the use of television, DVD's, music/radio computers, internet, and gaming machines.

Statement of Intent:

Scamps and Scholars will ensure that the use of multimedia in its service will be age appropriate and supervised when used.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE:

Tablets/Computers and the Internet:

After school children will be permitted to use computers on the premises. These include PC's, tablets and gaming stations occasionally. Children will be supervised and all games age appropriate. Internet access can be organized on the child's own device with parental consent, should children need to complete online homework for example. Parents must sign a disclaimer as staff cannot supervise individual internet access. We are also not responsible for the loss or damage of property brought into the service.

Scamps and Scholars encourage restricted use of these devices on a day-to-day basis, however we are willing to liaise with parents re same over holiday periods.

Mobile Technologies:

Mobile phones are not permitted within the classrooms. Staff are permitted to use their mobile phones in the office and staff cloakroom area. Only mobile phones/tablets belonging to the company may be used in the room from time to time to take photos of children (as per our Photo permissions policy). Staff may be authorised to use their mobile phones if they are leaving the main facility with children to facilitate contact if required.

On occasion you may be asked by the management to carry your phone with you for operational reasons.

Smart watches:

Smart watches may be worn throughout the centre but should be disconnected from your phone. To have it connected to your phone which should be stored in the staff room is a defacto use of your phone while operating in a room.

Television/DVD's:

Television/DVD viewing is kept to a minimum and used in conjunction with a varied indoor and outdoor curriculum. It may be used as an educational aid for language or dance or in relation to learning of a specific topic. TV/DVD time may also be used as a rare treat for the children to relax and switch off after a busy day.

If and when such media is employed the program/film chosen will be age and stage appropriate. Only DVDs of G or PG certificates will be shown.

Music CD's:

At Scamps and Scholars, we value music because it is a powerful and unique form of communication that can change the way children feel, think and act. It also increases self-discipline and creativity, aesthetic sensitivity and fulfilment. The CD's used are appropriate for young children and will contain no offensive or inappropriate language. Music will not be played too loud so that the children's voices may still be heard.

Tablets:

Tablets will be utilised to assist in room management by the staff members in the room. This will include photographing children, recording attendance, etc.