



KIDS CLUB ELY LTD

St John's Preschool

Use of Mobile Phones, Cameras & Technological Devices Policy Addendum – COVID 19

Covid-19: The launch on the NHS Test and Trace App, which is available for those aged sixteen or over to download, has reinforced the need for Kids Club Ely Ltd to have a clear policy in place with regards to staff, volunteers or students use of mobile phones.

Covid-19: Staff are encouraged to download the NHS Test and Trace App to their personal devices to support the national contact tracing scheme. However, staff are advised to pause the app upon arrival at the setting and store their phone in the usual way.

It is possible to pause the contact tracing function ('trace') in the app. If it is paused, the phone and Bluetooth remain on but the phone does not record contacts. Pausing contact tracing is only recommended in certain situations including: when an individual is not able to have their phone with them, for example because it is stored in a locker or communal area – this is to avoid the app picking up contacts when the individual is not with their phone.

In the event of a setting based contact of a staff member testing positive for Covid-19, existing setting protocols would enable close contacts to be traced as guided by the Early Years' Service.

Further details of related national guidance:

[Use of the NHS COVID-19 app in education and childcare settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/use-of-the-nhs-covid-19-app-in-education-and-childcare-settings)