POLICY DOCUMENT

The Recharge Club™

No Mobile Phones, Electronics and Valuables Policy

Prohibited Personal Items and Liability Arrangements at The Recharge Club

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Review Frequency:	Annually, and immediately following any related incident or change in statutory guidance
Next Review Due:	Twelve months from the date of adoption
Related Policy:	This policy is read alongside the Online Safety and Acceptable Use Policy, the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, and the Terms and Conditions of Booking

1. Policy Statement

Children and young people attending The Recharge Club™ must not bring mobile telephones, personal electronic devices, cameras, or other valuable personal items into a session. This policy exists to protect every child's safety and privacy, to prevent breaches of data protection law, and to protect families from the loss, damage or destruction of expensive personal belongings within a busy, mixed-age group setting.

> ***Mobile telephones, tablets, games consoles, cameras, smartwatches with a camera or messaging function, and other valuable electronic items or personal belongings must not be brought to The Recharge Club™. The Recharge Club™ accepts no responsibility for the loss, damage or destruction of any such item brought onto the premises in breach of this policy.***

2. Purpose and Scope

This policy applies to every child and young person attending The Recharge Club™, and sets out which personal items may not be brought into a session, why, what happens if a prohibited item is brought in by mistake, and the organisation's position on liability for any such item. It should be read alongside the Online Safety and Acceptable Use Policy, the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, the Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notice for Families, and the Terms and Conditions of Booking.

3. Legal and Regulatory Framework

This policy has been written with regard to the following legislation and statutory guidance:

- Working Together to Safeguard Children, the statutory guidance on inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- The United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018, in respect of the unauthorised photographing or recording of other children
- The Equality Act 2010, in ensuring this policy does not disadvantage a child who relies on a personal device for a disability-related or medical reason
- The Consumer Rights Act 2015 and general principles of contract law, in respect of the liability position set out in this policy and reflected in the Terms and Conditions of Booking

4. Prohibited Items

The following items must not be brought into any session at The Recharge Club™, save for the limited exceptions set out in section six:

- Mobile telephones and smartphones
- Tablets, handheld games consoles, and portable media players
- Cameras of any kind, including instant print cameras
- Smartwatches or other wearable devices with a camera, microphone, messaging, or internet browsing function
- Laptop computers and similar personal computing devices
- Valuable jewellery, designer items, collectible items, or other personal belongings of significant financial or sentimental value
- Large sums of cash or other valuables not needed for the session

5. Why This Policy Exists

Safeguarding

A personal device in the hands of a child creates a real risk that another child attending The Recharge Club™, who may be particularly vulnerable, could be photographed, filmed, or recorded without their knowledge or their family's consent, and that this content could then be shared, whether accidentally or otherwise, outside the setting. Personal devices also risk exposing a child to unmonitored contact with people outside the session, or to online content that is not appropriate for them. Prohibiting these items removes this risk entirely, rather than attempting to manage it through supervision alone.

Data Protection

Any photograph or recording of a child taken without the knowledge and consent of that child's family is a personal data breach under the United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation, regardless of who takes it. Because The Recharge Club™ cannot control or monitor a personal device belonging to a child in the same way it can control its own equipment, prohibiting such devices entirely is the only reliable way to prevent this kind of breach occurring during a session.

Damage, Loss and the Mixed-Age, Mixed-Need Environment

The Recharge Club™ supports a mixed-age group of children and young people with a wide range of sensory, behavioural and support needs, in an environment that includes movement, sensory play, food, and outdoor activity. A valuable personal item, such as a mobile telephone, games console, or piece of jewellery, is easily lost, dropped, damaged, or, on occasion, broken by another child, particularly one who does not have the same understanding of the item's value or fragility. This is a foreseeable and normal feature of a genuinely inclusive SEND setting, not a failure of supervision, and is precisely why families are asked not to send children with such items in the first place.

6. Permitted Exceptions

This policy is not intended to restrict any device that a child needs for their health, safety, or communication. The following are always permitted, and are never treated as a prohibited item under this policy:

- Augmentative and alternative communication devices, including tablets configured solely as a communication aid, used by a child who relies on them to communicate
- Hearing aids, cochlear implants, and their associated connected accessories
- Insulin pumps, continuous glucose monitors, and other medical monitoring devices
- Any other item identified as medically or communicatively necessary in a child's Individual Support Plan

Where a family believes their child needs an exception not listed above, this is discussed and agreed with the Designated Safeguarding Lead in advance and recorded in the child's Individual Support Plan, rather than assumed or arranged informally at drop-off.

7. If a Prohibited Item Is Brought In

Families are asked to check their child's bag before every session to confirm no prohibited item has been included. Where a prohibited item is found at drop-off, staff will ask the family to take it home, or, where this is not practicable, will store it securely, switched off, for the duration of the session, returning it to the family at collection.

Where a prohibited item is discovered during a session that was not identified at drop-off, it is removed calmly, without treating the child as being in trouble, stored securely, and returned to the family at collection, with the family reminded of this policy for future sessions.

8. Liability for Prohibited Items

> ***The Recharge Club™ accepts no liability whatsoever for the loss, theft, damage or destruction of any mobile telephone, electronic device, or valuable item brought onto the premises, whether by a child, a family member, or any other person, given that such items are prohibited under this policy for clear safeguarding and data protection reasons.***

This position is set out clearly in the organisation's Terms and Conditions of Booking, which every family agrees to before their child's first session, and is repeated in the welcome information provided to every family. Families are strongly advised not to send a child to The Recharge Club™ with any item they would be unhappy to see lost, damaged, or destroyed, since this risk is a foreseeable consequence of bringing a prohibited item into a busy, mixed-need group setting against this policy.

This exclusion of liability does not affect a family's statutory rights, and does not apply to loss or damage caused by the negligence of The Recharge Club™ in respect of an item it has itself taken into its care for safekeeping under section seven above.

9. Staff Compliance

Staff and bank staff are subject to the separate provisions set out in the Online Safety and Acceptable Use Policy in respect of their own personal devices, which apply in addition to, and are consistent with, the principles set out in this policy.

10. Communicating This Policy to Families

This policy is provided to every family in writing before their child's first session, is included in the welcome pack and the Terms and Conditions of Booking, and is displayed at the point of drop-off as a clear, ongoing reminder.

11. Monitoring, Review and Related Policies

This policy is reviewed at least annually, and immediately following any related incident or change in statutory guidance. This policy should be read alongside the following related policies and documents:

- Online Safety and Acceptable Use Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notice for Families
- Terms and Conditions of Booking
- Individual Support Plan template and guidance

This policy has been approved by the Director of The Recharge Club™ and forms part of the organisation's statutory compliance framework.