

MULTIMEDIA AND MOBILE PHONE POLICY

POLICY RATIONALE

TeamKids recognises that movies, children's television programs, music/radio, console games and Internet (multimedia), can provide both entertainment and education to children, provided that the material viewed or heard is age appropriate and supervised.

PROCEDURE

- Any media viewed within the service or while on excursion must be G or PG only, or parent/guardian approval sought if different to this. Parent/Guardian permission is provided within the terms and conditions of enrolment.
- Showing DVD's and movies to children is not common practice and as such educators are requested to only show these with Area Manager approval.
- Children are encouraged to enjoy music within the service. Music containing derogatory comments, inappropriate language or references of a sexual nature is not permitted in any service.
- Music and Radio stations will be permitted. However, the music and radio station is to be pre-approved by the person in day to day charge and/or Management.
- Children may access the internet for purposes approved person in day to day charge and/or Management. The approval of the purposes will be completed in consultation with children, families and/or management. At all times children are on the internet, the screen must be viewable by an educator.
- Gaming consoles provided by TeamKids may be available for use during service time. Consoles will be used safely and appropriately as guided by Educators. Games will be age appropriate for all children within the service.
- Schools that provide laptops or iPads to children for homework purposes will be permitted to use these devices during certain times of the day and for 30minute intervals. Children will be supervised during this time and educators will be provided access to programs. Programs used during this time shall be age appropriate to children.
- Mobile phones are not permitted unless deemed necessary and allowed in consultation with the guardian. Parents can contact their child on the service mobile.

SERVICE SUPPLIES

- Services are provided with an iPad and printer, to allow access to online resources supplied by TeamKids. Some services (Before and After Care) will also be provided with a laptop and mobile phone. TeamKids provides maintenance on equipment, as well as on the phone and email support to Team Members to assist them in the use and upkeep of this equipment. Children are not to access the service laptop/iPad.
- The DOS/Coordinator is ultimately responsible for the care and security of the Service equipment. Staff may be held responsible for the value of the equipment if damaged or broken when due diligence is not being performed.

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REFERENCES

ACECQA National Quality Framework Resource Kit (2012)

Quality Area 1 – Educational Program and Practice.

Quality Area 2 – Children’s health and safety

Quality Area 7 – Leadership and Service Management

Victorian Child Safe Standards

Education and Care Services National Law Act (2010), S 165

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