

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Primary School

Early Years Screen Use Policy



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At Sacred Heart we recognise that young children learn best through play, active experiences, communication and positive interactions with adults and other children.

In accordance with the EYFS welfare requirements from September 2026, we have regard to the Department for Education's Screen use guidance for early years settings. Screen use will therefore be purposeful, age-appropriate and limited, supporting learning rather than replacing high-quality play, physical activity, conversation or adult interaction.

Staff Responsibilities

1. Staff will use screens only when there is a clear educational or developmental purpose.
2. Screen activities will be short, carefully selected and actively supported by an adult where appropriate.
3. Staff will provide regular opportunities for active, screen-free learning and play.
4. Content will be age-appropriate, safe and suitable for the individual child.

Monitoring and Review

The EYFS team will monitor screen use as part of everyday practice and discuss its effectiveness as part of ongoing curriculum evaluation. The policy will be reviewed every three years, or sooner if DfE or EYFS guidance changes.

We will work positively with parents and carers and share our approach to healthy and purposeful screen use.

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