



## 8.9 ipad and tablet Policy

The Rocking Horse nursery has two ipads and four tablets for the use of the children. The devices **do not** have internet access at nursery to ensure the children are using them safely. Following research conducted with parents, this policy has been drawn from the views of both parents and educators that attend.

- The tablets have educational games installed for the use of the children for a maximum of 10-15 minutes at a time.
- It is the responsibility of the staff members to ensure time restrictions are withheld.
- Over 3's – Maximum of 15 minutes
- Under 3's – Maximum of 10 minutes
- The tablets are used in 'Airplane Mode', this is checked daily as part of our risk assessment.
- The tablets have Safety stickers on the back as an additional reminder that they do not have internet access.
- Age appropriately, staff talk to the children about staying safe when using technology (we advise parents that we tell children that they should only use a tablet, ipad or mobile telephone at home with permission from their parent).
- Parents are given links to any helpful information on how to keep children safe on-line such as 'Safer Internet Day'.
- Each day the tablets are antibacterial wiped.
- 2 children can use the tablets or iPads at one time in a classroom.
- At the end of each session the devices will be charged to ensure they have full battery for each session.
- As our nursery operates a free flow system, all children have access to the devices.
- Children must keep the devices at the 'iPad station'.
- **There is no access to the internet on the ipads or tablets at any time.**