

Screen Use Policy - EYFS Classrooms

Bedford Kindergarten

At Bedford Kindergarten, we believe that young children learn best through handson experiences, play, and interaction with their teachers and peers. While we may occasionally use screens to support teaching and learning, we ensure that this is done carefully, purposefully, and in moderation.

Guidelines for Screen Use:

- 1. **Purposeful Use Only** Screens will only be used to support a lesson or concept being taught. They are not used for entertainment or passive watching.
- 2. Limited Duration Screen use is restricted to a maximum of 10 minutes per subject.
- 3. **Morning Routine** No screens are to be used during the early morning. Children begin the day with **Circle Time at 7:30 am**, which is fully interactive and screen-free.
- 4. **Lesson Times** Lessons begin at 8:00 am. Screen time, if used, will only take place within lesson hours and only when required for teaching purposes.
- 5. Break Times No screens are allowed during snack breaks or home time. These moments are for social interaction, healthy eating habits, and building independence.
- 6. **Teacher Responsibility** Teachers are to ensure that screens are introduced in a balanced way and that children are actively engaged before, during, and after screen use.

Our Commitment:

We are committed to providing children with a nurturing and interactive learning environment where screens are used as a tool to enhance learning, not replace it. The focus remains on active participation, creativity, and meaningful connections.