

## Sexting Policy

'Sexting' is one of a number of 'risk-taking' behaviours associated with the use of digital devices, social media or the internet. It is accepted that children experiment and challenge boundaries and therefore the risks associated with online activity can never be completely eliminated. However, Brize Norton Village Preschool takes a proactive approach in its ICT to help children to understand, assess, manage and avoid the risks associated with online activity. Our preschool recognises its duty of care to its children who do find themselves involved in such activity as well as its responsibility to report such behaviours where legal or safeguarding boundaries are crossed.

There are a number of definitions of 'sexting' but for the purposes of this policy sexting is simply defined as:

- Images or videos generated by children under the age of 18, or of children under the age of 18 that are of a sexual nature or are indecent
- These images are shared between young people and/or adults via a mobile phone, handheld device, computer, 'tablet' or website with people they may not even know.

Sexting disclosures should follow the normal safeguarding practices and protocols (See Safeguarding Policy).

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Signed on behalf of provider: \_\_\_\_\_

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