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At Adventure Plus, we want all young people to succeed and have a great time whilst they are on courses with us. A+ recognises that mobile phones, including smart phones, are an important part of everyday life for young people, parents and staff. At A+ we also recognise that, when used inappropriately, mobile phones and social media will have a negative impact on young people, parents and staff. This policy is intended to help young people, parents and staff to build better relationships with each other.

### Mobile Phones

Young people are allowed to bring their mobile phones to the A+ site. The phones must be kept in the Alm Base within the young person's personal items & not be taken around the site with the young person.

Young people are allowed to check their mobile phones at break and lunch times. Checking is to be kept under 5 minutes.

Alm staff have work phones which are used to keep in contact with other staff working 1:1 with young people and informing the office of their location when offsite.

Alm work phones are used to record each session the young person does on Day Books, which are then emailed to a designated school/carer contact.

Alm work phones are used, where consent is authorised, to take pictures of the young people doing activities to be loaded onto Day Books to go alongside the session record.

The young people may check the weather forecast on a staff work phone as part of the planning of activities for a session, but always under supervision of an Alm staff member.

### Sanctions

Any young person not willing to adhere to the above rules will be asked why and given a chance to explain their reasons. Alm staff will refer to the opening paragraph for our reasons for following the above rules.

If a young person still refuses to adhere to them, the Alm Lead will contact the referring School/Parent/Carer to inform them of the situation, discuss the appropriate measures to be taken & make a plan.

Any young person who continues to refuse to adhere to the rules after a plan has been made will have their place at A+ revoked temporarily. If it continues after this, then their place will be revoked permanently.

## Social Media

Adventure Plus has Facebook and Instagram accounts. These accounts are used to share A+ activities and upcoming events. These accounts are monitored by A+ staff.

Young people can follow Adventure Plus accounts and leave appropriate comments on posts. Any comments deemed inappropriate by A+ will be passed onto the Alm Lead and deleted.

Alm Staff will never contact schools/carers through any social media platforms, only through the Adventure Plus emails.

Young People must not use their personal phones to take photos of other young people or staff to keep or post on any social media platforms.

If young people are seen to be using their cameras whilst checking their phones during breaks, they will be asked to delete any photos and their school/carer contact will be informed.

If young people want a photo of them doing any activities for their own social media, they need to ask their designated school/carer contact for any photos recorded on the session record via Day Book.

Young People are asked not to send friend requests or to follow any A+ staff members through any social media platforms.

Staff members will not accept any requests; they will inform the Alm Lead who will notify the young person's school/carer contact.

Alm Staff do not have any social media on their work phones. They will not download any apps to play games against young people.

Schools, Referrers & Parents are asked to raise queries, concerns and complaints directly with Adventure Plus rather than posting them on social media – whether on their own pages, in closed groups or on the Adventure Plus pages.