

Technology Policy

At Kidsize Club we use a variety of technological devices to encourage play and learning.

The technology devices we use at Kidsize Club are as follows:

- Nintendo Wii - the wii is for group games, depending on the game and size of group children will get between 10 - 20 minutes of play on the Wii before somebody else gets a turn. We only play multi-player games that have the appropriate age rating. Play on the Wii will be supervised by a staff member at all times.
- Nintendo DS - children can choose the Nintendo DS as part of free choice play. On days when the Wii is out the DS devices will not be used. Only games with the appropriate age rating will be played. There are 5 Nintendo DS consoles available to play. The children will take turns and get a maximum of 30 minutes on the DS. DS devices are not available to play at breakfast club.
- Apple iPad - we use an iPad at club to take photos and videos. Children can also use the iPad to do research for their homework or for Kidsize termly topic. The iPad can also be used to watch videos or programmes on Kids Youtube. On the iPad we have parental settings on so that children can only access appropriate content. Any inappropriate content is blocked.
- Laptop - the laptop can be used for homework, research or educational games and videos. Laptop usage is monitored by staff and parental settings are on so inappropriate content is blocked.
- TV/Projector - On the TV we show U rated movies and on the projector we show U rated films and tv programmes as well as YouTube. We use YouTube for educational videos, yoga, dancing tutorials and more.

At each session after a child has used the iPad or laptop, a staff member will check the history to see what the child has been researching. If the child has attempted to search any inappropriate words a staff member will speak to them about appropriate internet use and their parents will be informed at pick up.

If a child repeatedly searches inappropriate terminology on the iPad or laptop, they may receive a ban from using these devices in order to keep them safe.

On the iPad and laptop children will not have access to any social media or messaging applications.

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