



# Policy on the Use of Technology and Social Media

Here at Zadie's we care about the health and well-being of the children in our care. We recognize the importance of technology in the classroom for children 2 (two) years old and older. As a result, we will follow the best practice recommendations developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics on screen time:

- Children under 2 should have no screen time
- Children age 2 and over should watch less than 1 hour per week at school

Screen time includes, but is not limited to, the use of the smartboard, computers and/or tablets.

We also understand that screen time can get in the way of physical activity and social interactions, all of which contribute to learning and healthy physical and social development of our children. Therefore, when using screen time, we will ensure that it:

1. Enhances the educational experience
2. Supports the learning process
3. Extends classroom interest, themes and activities

In addition, Zadie's aims to ensure that our school, students, staff and families are not compromised by any form of social networking or related activities. However, we acknowledge that social media can play an important role in maintaining communication with families and the local community in today's society. As a member of the Zadie's family we expect you to refrain from any actions that may be deemed as violating the privacy, dignity and rights of our students, staff and families.

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By signing below, you are acknowledging that you have read and fully understand the Zadie's Policy on the Use of Technology and Social Media.

**CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_