# Photos, Phones & Children's Rights



#### Things to consider...

When parents consent to photographs/videos of their children do they understand:

- → Where photos are used?
- → Who can see them (including screenshots)?
- Whose devices photos are taken on?
- → Where the photos are stored?
- → Who can take photos of their child?

#### Ways to support appropriate

practice...

- ★ Clear permission forms
- ★ Clear polices and procedures
- ★ Expectations around the use of cameras and videos for children's first day, events and other occasions where families may capture images of other children.

#### Things to consider...

When exploring the use of phones (and smart watches) in your service do you consider:

- → How easily staff can be distracted by these?
- → The impact they can have on supervision?

 The impact they can have on relationships?
Whether personal devices are used for work and how this aids privacy and confidentiality?

### Ways to support appropriate

practice...

- ★ Code of conduct around devices
- ★ Clear policies and procedures
- ★ Build into induction for new staff
- ★ Clearly outlined expectations for students, visitors and casual staff as part of their induction.

#### Things to consider...

To explore the rights of the child think about:

- → Do children have control over their image?
- Do children have choice around being photographed?
- → Do they have a right to interactions without disruptions?
- → Can they consent to the use of their photo?

## Ways to support appropriate

practice...

- ★ Unpack your image of the child
- ★ Documentation expectations around photos
- Talk to the children about body autonomy (in line with the new EYLF outcomes)
- Give children agency over what gets photographed