

Staff MUST understand the safety policy and rules of the use of consoles.

- Staff should ensure that all games consoles and games used are suitable and appropriate for the ages of children in their care.
- Use of computer consoles should be supervised and monitored and children encouraged participating in a broad range of activities.
- All games used should be originals and not copies.
- **Parents/carers should be made aware that computer games are available and have the option to request that their child does not access this equipment.**
- Children should be closely supervised to ensure that they are not accessing the **Internet via the console**. Or if they are permitted to do so that the websites accessed are appropriate such as swiggle or kids youtube and the club has put in place appropriate safeguards.
- Use of consoles never will be in weekly planning. But as an added extra to our planned activities/reward for the term as good behaviour.
- Use of consoles must involve group interaction and involvement and always age appropriate
- Risk assessment is completed- Children are aware of risks

As play workers we understand the concerns some parents may have regarding the afterschool using a WII or tablets. Here are some of the outcomes that we consider might be beneficial.

First of all, this wouldn't be an everyday piece of equipment and display but more as an added extra to some of our planned activities. It can be used as an alternative of physical activity when weather-winter doesn't allow enjoying outside area.

Children must be aware of the risks and rules of the use of the device. Take turns and not solo play will be compulsory to avoid isolation and encourage involvement and co-operation.

The use of computers will improve their skills and knowledge and awareness.

There are challenge team games or practice a dance and learn choreography where balance and co-ordination will be developed as well as confidence