

ALDER COPPICE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Achievement through Commitment

Air Tag and Tracker Policy

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<i>Audience</i>	<i>Key Audience</i>	<i>Optional Audience</i>	<i>Additional/Notes</i>
Senior Leadership Team	✓		
Teachers	✓		
Teaching Assistants	✓		
Administrative Staff	✓		
Curriculum Support	✓		
Lunchtime Supervisors	✓		
Site Manager	✓		
Cleaners	✓		
Governors	✓		
Parents	✓		
Website	✓		
Local Authority		✓	

Aims

This Policy outlines Alder Coppice Primary School's position on the use of Apple Air tags and similar Bluetooth or GPS-enabled tracking devices by parents/carers and children on school property and whilst on school visits.

Statement

- **Pupils are not permitted to wear, carry, or bring Air tags or any other tracking devices into school for any reason.**
- **Air Tags or any other tracking device are not allowed on any school visits, this includes day visits and the Residential Visit.**
- The School has robust safeguarding and supervision procedures in place. Parents and carers are asked to place their trust in staff to keep children safe while in our care.
- If a parent decides that their child is able to walk to and from school, this is not an acceptable reason for them to use a Tracker with their child, as it will not in itself keep a child safe.
- Any device brought into school will be confiscated in line with the information in our Behaviour Policy.

Rationale

Safeguarding:

- Tracking devices can inadvertently compromise safeguarding arrangements by giving inaccurate or misleading location information. The real-time Air Tag GPS tracking operates within Bluetooth range, and anything beyond that becomes unreliable.
- Air Tags can only track your child, they do not protect them from risks presented by other people or traffic.
- Some tracker devices have other functions, such as allowing another person to listen remotely, or communicate both ways with another device, which could lead to a parent/carer listening to the pupil and/or people around them without their knowledge or permission.
- When an Air Tag is in close proximity to an Apple device (e.g. an iPhone) for a period of time, it notifies Apple device owners of its presence even if the Air Tag is not connected to those people. Those people can then attempt to locate the Air Tag (including by making it emit a noise) and in some cases disable it.

Disruption to Learning:

- Some tracking devices make loud noises which can be disruptive and hard to turn off – for example, Air Tags make a noise when separated from their connected device for more than 8 to 12 hours.

Wellbeing:

- Alerts or notifications received during the School day may cause unnecessary worry or distress to pupils, parents, or staff.

Privacy:

- The use of tracking devices may compromise the privacy of other pupils, staff or the School's operational routines.

Responsibilities

Parents/Carers

Should follow School Policy and ensure that children do not bring these devices into school for any reason. They should also support the School's safeguarding approach by trusting staff to supervise and care for their child.

Staff

Should apply this policy consistently. Where devices are found, they should follow the procedures outlined and inform the Assistant Headteacher immediately. Air Tags which disrupt lessons, will be removed and/or disabled if necessary.

Pupils

Should follow the School rules and not bring restricted items into school.