

The ReConnect Programme

Personal Property & Student Items Policy

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the responsibilities and expectations regarding personal items brought into The ReConnect Programme by students. It is designed to ensure clarity around liability, safety, and appropriate use of such items within the provision.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All students attending The ReConnect Programme
 - Parents/carers of students
 - All staff supporting or supervising activities involving personal items
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3. Policy Statement

The ReConnect Programme allows students to bring in personal items for educational, creative, or recreational purposes. However, all such items are brought onto the premises and used **entirely at the owner's risk**.

The ReConnect Programme does not accept responsibility for the condition, safety, or functionality of personal items before, during, or after their use on site.

4. Liability Disclaimer

- The ReConnect Programme accepts **no liability** for loss, theft, or damage to personal items brought onto the premises.
- The ReConnect Programme is **not responsible for any deterioration, malfunction, or damage** that may occur as a result of:
 - Use within sessions
 - Modification, repair, or creative work
 - Handling by the student or others

- The ReConnect Programme provides **no guarantee** regarding the ongoing safety, performance, or suitability of any item after it has been brought onto site or worked on.
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5. Safety and Suitability

- All items brought into the provision must be **safe, appropriate, and suitable** for the intended activity.
 - Students must follow all staff instructions regarding the use of personal items.
 - Staff have the authority to:
 - Refuse use of any item deemed unsafe or inappropriate
 - Remove or restrict use of items at any time
 - The ReConnect Programme does not carry out formal safety testing or certification of personal items.
 - The ReConnect Programme accepts **no liability** for the safe functioning of any item after it has been brought onto site or worked on.
 - **The ReConnect Programme strongly suggests undertaking all relevant safety checks using registered professionals for any item that has been worked on before use.**
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6. Responsibilities

Students

- Ensure items are safe and appropriate to bring on site
- Use items responsibly and in line with staff guidance
- Accept full responsibility for any outcomes relating to their item

Parents/Carers

- Acknowledge and accept the risks associated with bringing personal items into the provision
- Ensure items are appropriate and safe prior to being brought in

Staff

- Supervise activities involving personal items appropriately
 - Intervene where items pose a risk
 - Apply this policy consistently
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7. Storage

- The ReConnect Programme does not guarantee secure storage for personal items.
 - Any storage provided is used at the owner's risk.
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8. Agreement

By bringing personal items into The ReConnect Programme, students and/or their parents/carers are deemed to have **read, understood, and accepted this policy**.

9. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or in response to any incidents, changes in legislation, or operational requirements.

Reviewed by: Naomi Hamer COO of The ReConnect Programme Date: 26/04/2026

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