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Stony Dean School Use of Tracking Device Policy

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The use of a Tracking Device

- 1) The use of tracking technology to monitor pupil's geographical location (Via GPS) at Stony Dean School will only be used in exceptional circumstances and with the full consent of and implementation by the pupil's parent/s. In exceptional cases where the risk assessment on the child is presenting a flight risk, the school must take additional steps to ensure the safety of the child at Stony Dean School. Before using any tracking technology, the child's risk assessment must be robust and reviewed. External agencies must be consulted before agreeing to use this technology. The families must consent and have direct responsibility for the software. For a tracking device to be used at Stony Dean School there must be a possible risk to the life of the pupil if such a device is not in place. A risk assessment should be completed to demonstrate this concern. Providers of this technology must be endorsed by NHS or social care providers. Not an 'apple tag' or something similar. It could simply be an inner soul tag or a take along tag.
- 2) *The decision to use this must come from the Head Teacher.*
- 3) It is the parent/s responsibility not that of Stony Dean School to make sure the company used are GDPR compliant.
- 4) The tracking information will only be accessed in an emergency situation (the pupil is "missing") or on occasion to check the technology is working.
- 5) The use of this policy will support the following Rights of the Child (UN Convention on the Rights of the Child)
 - article 3 (best interests of the child)

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

- 6) For a tracking device to be used at Stony Dean School the use of such a device must clearly meet the criteria that it is being used in the best interest of the pupil.
 - article 6 (life, survival and development)

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

- Article 16 (right to privacy)

Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation



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- 7) If a tracking device is to be used to monitor a “missing” pupil at Stony Dean School the tracking technology will only be accessed by Stony Dean Staff on school owned technology (not on personal devices). The device shall only be accessed during school hours (or after school in the event that the pupil was initially “missing” during school hours). The log in details will only be accessible to a limited number of people agreed with the Head Teacher.

If the device needs to be accessed by Stony Dean School staff the pupil’s parent will be informed as soon as it is possible to do so.