



## Wellington Baptist Church, Somerset

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### Electronic Devices Policy

**This policy should be read and understood in conjunction with the WBC Safeguarding Policy & Social Networking Policy**

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As a church we recognise that the place of electronic communication, computer and games type devices are now an established part of modern day life. Everything from mobile phones, laptops, to phablets and tablets are common place amongst most families.

Recognising the potentially addictive and distractive nature of these devices, we therefore want to recognise, protect and maximise the time that we have together in our Youth and Children's groups sessions and to provide agreed boundaries for their use in these ministries.

We therefore commit ourselves to the following appropriate good practice, whereby we will seek to set aside these devices when our Youth and Children's Ministry group are in operation. Typically, this will mean that each young person or child will hand in these devices at the start of the small group session to the Youth Leader or Children's Ministry Leader for the duration of the session, and then collect them at the end. This is at the discretion of the Leader, and after consultation with parents.

Parental support and encouragement is required for this to happen, and we therefore ask that this is established and made clear at home beforehand.

The above policy was agreed at the AGM of Wellington Baptist Church by the church members.

Revd Sam Griffiths

Pastor

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