

Use of AI policy - Parents

At Willow Cottage Nurseries we use technology to work more efficiently, allowing our team to spend more time with your children. Here is how we use Artificial Intelligence (AI) safely, honestly, and with your child's privacy at the forefront.

1. Protecting Your Child's Data

Your child's privacy is our priority.

- We **only** use professional, school-secure versions of AI (such as Microsoft 365 and Google Gemini).
- These "Pro" tools are private and encrypted. Your child's data is never shared with the public and is never used to "train" global AI models.
- Staff are strictly prohibited from using free, public AI tools for any nursery-related tasks.

2. Authentic Observations (eyWorks Aimey)

We use **Aimey** within our secure eyWorks platform to help us communicate your child's milestones more clearly.

- **Clarity, not Fiction:** AI helps us with grammar and professional wording, but it is **never** used to "make up" or embellish what a child has done.
- **Human-Led:** Every child observation and record is created by a member of our team who knows your child well.

3. Truthful Imagery & Safeguarding

We believe in showing you the "real" world of our nursery.

- **Safe Editing:** We may occasionally use AI tools to edit photos for **safeguarding or confidentiality** (for example, blurring the face of another child in the background or removing a name-tag from a coat).
- **No Misrepresentation:** We do not use AI to "beautify" photos, hide safety issues, or create "fake" images of activities that didn't happen. The photos you see are always genuine reflections of our nursery environment.

4. Professional Oversight

AI is an assistant, but it never makes the final call.

- All decisions regarding your child’s health, allergies, or safety are handled by our trained staff using official records—never by AI.
- Any documentation or technical research assisted by AI is manually verified by our Senior Leadership Team to ensure it meets our standards and the requirements set out in the EYFS.