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Apple AirTags and Tracking/Bluetooth Technology

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, the need has arisen for me to make you aware that as the use of tracking devices such as AirTags has become more popular, these are NOT designed for tracking the whereabouts of children and should never be used to track a child or be worn at any school event. AirTags are an extremely dangerous device when used incorrectly and actually compromise the safety of others. They are also an intrusion and a breach of privacy, infringing on human rights.

Apple condemns any use of their air tags on people - [An update on AirTag and unwanted tracking - Apple \(UK\)](#)

It is most definitely unwanted tracking on a school trip. At Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery, we do not allow the children to carry any Bluetooth connectable devices of any kind on school trips as they compromise the safety of the whole group.

In summary:

- This behaviour is very likely to breach The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Longer-term the behaviour can be very damaging to family function and the mental health of children.
- The tag will broadcast to every phone within a radius creating unquantifiable safeguarding risks (not just iPhones either).
- Parents who take air tag geolocation data and publish it in real time on social media may create further risks to a group.
- People who are being tracked and don't want to be and who have tried to end the unwanted surveillance may have a case under the [Protection from Harassment Act 1997](#) and could seek legal advice.

The UK GDPR Regulator, the ICO takes a very dim view of organisations that track children - [Geolocation tracking | ICO](#)

If you have any concerns or require any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact the office. We will at all times, prefer to have a conversation about the appropriate use of technology should the need arise.

Yours sincerely,

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