



The safe photography and video recording of school activities by parents/carers and pupils policy

Rationale:

At Farnworth Church of England Primary School we recognise and celebrate the fact that there will be occasions during the school year where parents/carers will wish to take photographs or make a video recording of their child/children taking part in a school activity. These activities will include school assemblies, school performances, sports days, school outings and educational visits. For the pupils, such activities may include trips and residential visits. Increasingly, technology is making it easier for pictures and images to be used inappropriately as printed material or on the web. As a school we take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously and believe that it is important that we take practical steps to ensure that pictures and images of children taken, not only by members of the press, but also by parents/carers and pupils, are done so in a way that reflects the protective ethos of the school.

GDPR: Photos and videos taken by parents are counted as being taken for 'personal use' and are therefore not covered by the GDPR.

Aim:

Our aim is to adopt a common sense approach to the use of cameras (film and digital) and video cameras by parents/carers and pupils during school events.

Procedures:

- Parents/carers are requested to complete the annual Activity Consent Form to give permission for photographs to be taken of their child/children while in school or involved in school activities.
- Parents/carers attending events who intend to take photographs / make a video recording are requested to sign the attached slip to indicate that any images taken will not be used inappropriately i.e. that they are not shared or published on social media or elsewhere online
- Photography/video recording must only take place in designated areas. For example, in the main school hall where the assembly or school performance is taking place and not in 'backstage' areas or school classrooms.
- Specific times during school outings and educational visits will be allocated for photographs to be taken in the appropriate setting and areas.
- Parents/carers with video cameras are politely requested to sit towards the back of the room during assemblies/performances to prevent obscuring other people's view.
- Any photographs taken by pupils on trips and residential visits will also be subject to this policy and it is the parents' / carers' responsibility to ensure these guidelines are adhered to.

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I have read and understand the school's safe photography and video recording of school activities by parents/carers and pupils policy.

Any photographs / video recordings I take during today's performance will be used in accordance with this policy.

Signed: _____

Parent / Carer of: _____ Class: _____