

Policy for the use of Photographic Devices at School - February 2017

Introduction

Gainford C of E regularly uses photographic images at school. From time to time we may also be visited by the media who will take photographs or film footage for a high profile event. These digital images can be for a number of educational reasons that include

- Celebrating success
- Recording for posterity
- Publicity purposes in the local press and on the school website

However, this school is aware that there is a small risk that these images could be used inappropriately and/or for illegal purposes.

It is the school's understanding that photographs/DVD's/other digital images generated by parents at school events are for the sole use of the family concerned. *They are not for display, distribution or any other purpose outside of that family.*

Rationale

The Governing Body wishes to make every effort to prevent any inappropriate use of photographic images of pupils of Gainford C of E Primary School, whilst acknowledging that families wish to photograph/video their children at school events/activities throughout the school career.

Aim

To protect pupils, families and staff from inappropriate use of photographic images.

Procedure

- Images of pupils appearing on the school's website or will not be identified by name.
- Images appearing in the local newspapers, including the Parish News will be identified only by first name unless permission has specifically been granted by a parent or carer
- All parents will be required to complete the attached proforma, acknowledging the school policy.

Note

Parents need to understand that:

- Where parents feel unable to agree that the school and/or other parents, in accordance with this policy, should be permitted to take photographs of their child,

it may be necessary to consider excluding that child from that particular school activity.

- Where they feel unable to agree to the policy limiting the taking and use of photographs, it may be necessary to prohibit the taking of photographs by that parent.

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THE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC DEVICES AT SCHOOL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

I acknowledge the school policy and agree that any photographs/DVD's/other digital images I produce are for sole use of my family.

I consent / do not consent* to my child being photographed at school activities and events by staff of the school, by parents of the school and by the local press (at the invitation of the school), in accordance with the school policy.

I understand that this request proforma will be retained by the school on my child's file until they leave this school.

Signed

Date

* *please delete as appropriate*