



## OLD TOWN INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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*"Strive-Belong-Thrive: Children at the heart of everything that we do".*

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### Photography and video recording at Old Town Infant School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from parental feedback and working in conjunction with our Parent Focus Group, an area that I have recently worked on is in relation to the use of Photography and Video recording at whole school events.

Whilst I wish to be respectful of all parents wishes, I think it is important that Old Town Infant School and Nursery does not attempt to enforce unreasonable or unwieldy restrictions.

It is very likely that during a public event such as a school performance, school fayre or sports day where parents and carers are present that they will want to take photographs of their own child. It must be accepted that these photographs are likely to be shared with their extended family members and on social media.

Rather than try to introduce restrictions which we simply cannot police, I would like to think about how we can move forward and provide managed opportunities for the taking of photographs and videos. A good example would be our Reception Nativity where at the end of the performance, we offer a managed photograph for all - however, I am very aware that not all school events lend themselves to a managed photograph e.g. sports day, school picnics, fayres, Church services.

When all children join the school, parents and carers are asked to complete the following consent statement: **I give consent for my child's image to be used on the school website.** Here consent can be given or withheld and can be updated/changed via the Arbor Parent App.

Where consent for this statement has not been given, we will sticker the children with a no photography or video recording sticker on either their jumper, t-shirt, cardigan or costume.



**NO PHOTOGRAPHY  
NO VIDEO RECORDING**

If you see a child wearing this sticker, please can you make a conscious effort to ensure that they are not photographed or recorded in any way.

In terms of good practice, I think it is also fair to make the following requests at whole school events:

- Please try to only photograph your child.

- When recording, please try to limit this to the part in which your child is performing e.g. not the whole performance.
- Please do not load any photographs/videos of other children on to any social media platform unless you have the specific permissions from the other child(rens) families

Old Town Infant School and Nursery cannot provide a reassurance that photographs will not be taken by other parents, but will instead try to manage expectations and work with parents who are concerned about photographs.

Thank you for your support in this matter,

*Doug*

Mr Douglas Gubbins  
Headteacher