



Photography and photograph policy

Children enjoy a very wide range of events as pupils at our school: trips and visits, services in church, sports days, theme weeks, productions and concerts, to name a few. Parents and carers are invited to attend some of these and asked to support with others.

Our priority is to maintain every child's safety and privacy, whilst creating a positive experience for all families. We understand that parents and carers are often keen to record their child's participation on these occasions. The school must however ensure that it remains compliant with its legal responsibilities and supports the wishes of those that do not wish their children to be included in any images. We also want to model to children that there are times when it is more appropriate to live in the moment rather than watching it through a lens.

Parents are asked to give or withhold their consent for their child's image to be shared when they first join the school. This choice can be amended at any time by advising any of the Front of House staff. As a school, we are legally bound by UK GDPR and our safeguarding policies to protect every child's privacy. If we do not have consent for their image to be shared, we cannot do so. **We must also try to avoid their images being inadvertently shared by others.**

In order to try to address these contrasting wishes, the school has put the following protocols in place:

- **To protect all children and respect differing parental choices, we ask that parents do not record school events, whether on or off the premises.**
- We know these moments matter so, wherever practical, we will provide time at the end of events for parents to take individual photos of their own child.
- Class teachers will additionally take a group photograph or photographs at an appropriate point during each event, comprising those children who have consent for their image to be shared. Children whose families have chosen not to give consent to the sharing of images will be treated with sensitivity so they do not feel excluded. On occasions, we may choose to obscure faces of those without consent.
- Photographs of larger school events, such as the carol concert, will be taken by the school from a position that shows backs of heads or a distance that makes faces unrecognisable. We aim to showcase the occasion without individuals being identifiable.
- A selection of these photographs will be uploaded to our website 'news' page so that families can create their own memory bank.

By limiting photography during events and offering controlled opportunities for parents to take photos of their own child, we aim balance different needs whilst ensuring that school occasions remain enjoyable and inclusive for all.

We expect all Barnes Primary families to support this policy.