

We really do appreciate you allowing permission for photographs and recordings to take place.

It allows us to keep records of special events, significant moments and each child's learning journey through our school.

We also believe it is important to live life in the moment so please don't expect every detail to be lived through the lens.



Our School Vision

Let your light shine!

St John's is a place where we can grow as life-long learners, understand the value of trusting friendships, show thankfulness and compassion to others, make mistakes knowing we will be forgiven, and find peace in the knowledge that we are letting our light shine.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16



St John's C of E Infant School

Permission for photographs and recordings



When attending St John's, we enter into a collaboration between school, family and children.

We aim to give the children rich and exciting learning experiences. Photographs allow the children an opportunity to celebrate their successes as well as relive and reflect upon their learning.

We love to share events with families and the community, helping them to feel connected to daily life in school.

In order to do this, we need to ask permission for us to use photographs of your child.

We use photographs in the following ways

- ❖ In children's books to demonstrate the learning they were taking part in.
- ❖ In our newsletters and on our website.
- ❖ Sending home via marvellous me to parents.
- ❖ On Facebook/Instagram to share with parents and community school events.
- ❖ Films shared with the school community e.g. Christmas

The Data Protection Act 1998 affects our use of photography. This is because an image of a child is personal data for the purpose of the Act and it is a requirement that consent is obtained from the parent of a child or young person under the age of 18 years for any photographs or video recordings for the purposes beyond the activity of the organisation.

When publishing photographs, we use the minimum information, no name is included. If there was a need to include a child's name such as a local newspaper the parents' permission would be sought.

Parents are not permitted to take photographs or to make a video recording for anything other than their own personal use. Recording and/or photographing other than for private use would require the consent of the other parents whose children may be captured on film. Without this consent the Data Protection Act 1998 would be breached.

“We live in an age in which digital technology has vastly increased the use, and potential misuse of photography.

Generally, photographs for school, club and family use and those that appear in the press are a source of pleasure and pride which we believe usually enhances self-esteem for children and young people and their families and the practice should continue within safe practice guidelines.” Surrey Safeguarding Children Board

As the School, we will aim to:

- ❖ Ensure that photographs contain no names unless permission is sought.
- ❖ Children are appropriately/modestly dressed in pictures.
- ❖ Not to disadvantage children should permission not be given.
- ❖ Remind those attending events that photographs or recordings are for private use only and they do not have permission to post or forward those of other children on any form of social media.
- ❖ Parents retain the right to withdraw consent at any stage but they need to do so in writing.

