



WOODLANDS  
PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

# Photographs of Pupils at School and the Media Statement for Woodlands Primary School

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## PROTOCOL

**In respect of the parental privilege to take photographs and/or videos of their children when involved in school performances, events and other activities**

This school allows parents, grandparents and other close family members the privilege of being able to take photographs and/or videos of their children when involved in School performances, events and other activities that are the subject of an invitation to attend to the School's 'parent body' only. The privilege is given on the strict understanding that such photographs and / or videos are taken for the personal use only of the family as described.

***This privilege is not, however,*** given to anyone in respect of any School performances, events and other activities that are open to the 'general public' for which there is no permission given to take photographs or videos.

This privilege is given on the strict understanding that: -

- "for the personal use only" means restricted solely to the family as described above (viz - parents, grandparents and other close family members only).
- any such photographs or videos taken are, therefore, for the personal use of the family only, as described above;
- whilst the family, as described above, may share such photographs and videos amongst themselves ***they shall not publish any photographs and/or videos taken of school performances, events and other activities on any 'social networking' websites (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, YouTube etc.)*** unless the website controls to restrict access only to the family as described (viz – parents, grandparents and other close family members only) are put in place and maintained thereafter;
- should there arise a need, for any justifiable reason only, to publish any such photographs and/or videos taken more widely than the above conditions allow the consent of the parents of any other children captured in the photographs and/or videos must be sought and obtained before doing so and if such consent cannot be obtained publication will not take place;
- if any member of the family, as described above, abuse this privilege in anyway including not abiding by these conditions, parents/carers understand that the privilege will be withdrawn from the whole of the family as described above until such time as the Headteacher can be satisfied that such abuse will not recur;

- if the privilege is subject to widespread abuse by parents and their families as described it will be withdrawn from the parent body as a whole until such time as the Headteacher can be satisfied that such abuse will not recur.
- *This privilege does not extend to the Early Years and Foundation Stage (EYFS, commonly known as Nursery and Reception)* where no photographic or digital recording equipment (mobile phones with cameras, video cameras, iPads, iPods, digital cameras, cameras, video recording devices, etc.) can be used unless under the existing EYFS/school safeguarding policy the member of staff in charge gives parents or family members authorization to use them.

The School's privilege protocol in relation to the taking of photographs and videos of a child(ren) when involved in School performances, events and other activities to which the parent body of the School have been given invitation to attend. This privilege does not extend to performances, events and other activities open to the general public for which permission to take photographs and videos is **not** given.

By Signing the admissions/consent form parents and carers agree that in taking advantage of this privilege they and their family will abide by the conditions of the privilege protocol as set out above.