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Policy for Photographs at School Events

At Whittington CE (VA) Primary School we pride ourselves on our vision that children learn every day and live to the full in doing so. We understand and appreciate that photographs of these special years are treasured by parents. Generally photographs and videos for school and family use are a source of innocent pleasure and pride which can enhance self-esteem for children and young people and their families. By following some simple guidelines we can proceed safely and with regard to the law:

- Remember that parents and carers attend school events at the invitation of the head and governors;
- The head and governors have the responsibility to decide if photography and videoing of school events/performances is permitted;
- The head and governors have the responsibility to decide the conditions that will apply in order that children are kept safe and that the performance is not disrupted and children and staff not distracted.

Parents and carers may video or take photographs during Whittington CE (VA) Primary School events (sports events, school productions, sports days etc) only in compliance with the requirements of this policy:

- Parents and carers must follow guidance from staff as to when photography and videoing is permitted and where to stand in order to minimise disruption to the activity. Photographs and/or videos are permitted only when direct instruction from school is given (i.e. not on the school playground, at parents' evenings, in meetings with staff).
- Parents/carers are not required to comply with the Data Protection Act 2018 when taking photographs for their own private use of their children at an organised school event.
- Parents/carers are not permitted to take photographs or to make a video recording for anything other than their own personal use.
- The school maintains a register of pupils who are not permitted to be photographed. This is confidential information and may not be shared with parents/carers.
- Photographs or videos must not be put on the web/internet, including any social networking sites.
- Live streaming from anywhere on the school grounds is not permitted.
- School staff are vigilant to ensure that people with no connection with the school do not have any opportunity to film or photograph children. If you are accompanied or represented by people that school staff do not recognise, please do not take offence if staff inquire about the identity of those who using a camera.
- Parents and carers must not photograph or video children changing for performances or events.
- Those parents and carers known to the school and helping with an event may not use a mobile telephone, camera or other recording device whilst assisting with this.
- Should the school ever find itself in a position where we are unable to ascertain the identity of all those who attend events or adequately control the spontaneous behaviour of parents /carers, we will consider imposing restriction on photography and/or a blanket ban.

We would like to thank-you in advance for your support in making sure that such a change does not become necessary.