

WREN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



PHOTOGRAPH POLICY

Policy Name:	Photograph Policy	
Frequency of Review:	Two Yearly	
Review Dates:	Summary of Key Changes (introduced from policy reviews after Jan 22)	Ratified By: ✓ FGB/ Committee / Other
29/09/21	No changes	FGB
September 2023	Paragraph 5 added	HT

Next scheduled review: September 2025

Photographs, Recorded Images, Social Media and Childrens' Safety Policy

The Governing Board for Wren Park wishes for parents and carers to enjoy activities, events and special moments within their child's time at Wren Park to be recorded in a way that captures the child in time, which can then be kept for the future.

The Governing Board allows parents and carers to be free to take photographs and recorded images of their child during such public events as school performances, sporting fixtures and visits.

The use of modern digital technologies are great in that they can allow for positive experiences and photographs to be shared quickly – eg. with family and friends who live away. However, we do need to acknowledge that the digital age and use of social media (including Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram and other applications) can allow information to be posted on to the World Wide Web and at that point can be subject to misrepresentation, adaptation and abuse.

Whilst it is almost every parents aim to share photographs in a safe way with close family and friends they need to be aware that once a digital image is shared on the internet this can easily be accessed by other people known or unknown to them. This image is then in the public domain which can make children identifiable and vulnerable.

Safeguarding is our priority and if we feel children are at risk of any harm than their safety will take precedence over taking photographs/recording images. If any parents are concerned over any school images or recordings taken, they are urged to bring this to the attention of the Headteacher. School has the right to prohibit photography or video recordings by parents at any event, without explanation, in order to protect children.

At Wren Park we have a number of children who are vulnerable and by their image being available to view on the internet they are put at risk. For some children their whereabouts and identity must be kept away from people who might cause them harm. In particular we have a number of children who need to be kept safe from past abusers and their image being available on the internet can lead to their whereabouts being identified therefore putting them at risk.

The Governing Board wish to maintain your freedom to take photographs and recorded images at certain public school events but ask for your cooperation in ensuring that you think carefully before taking recorded images and posting them digitally. We ask that you do not share images through Social media sites and if you are to share any photographs of your own children we recommend that is done through a personal email to the individual recipients you wish to receive them.

The Governing Body of Wren Park reserve their right not to allow the use of recording devices on school property or at school organized events at anytime without given details for their decision.

Children's use of mobile phones and recording devices. Whilst the Governing Body accepts this is now part of children's modern day lives and provide the children with a curriculum which teaches about E-Safety and cyberbullying they do not think that all children are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to keep themselves safe. **The Governing Body do not allow children to use mobile phones and recording devices within school or at school events.**

This policy will be amended at anytime the Governing Body decides but will be reviewed on a two yearly cycle.