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Parental Rights to Take Photographs/Videos

Dear Parents & Carers,

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 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.

Parents are not covered by the Data Protection Act 1998 if they are taking photographs or making a video recording for their own private use. The Act does not therefore stop parents from taking photographs or making video recordings at such events as plays or sports events. 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. The consent forms we use in school remind parents of this fact.

Data protection considerations aside, it is possible as a school to consider banning all filming/recording/photography of organisational events if we believe that this is appropriate. We believe, however, that many parents would consider it to be over-cautious to impose such a total ban and therefore after taking advice we must stress the following:

As parents you must agree that all filming and photography of any school performances will only be used for personal use and will not be shared on social media without the express permission of the school and parents. Should you breach this request then you will be contacted and asked to remove the material. In certain circumstances following a breach of this agreement it may be necessary to take legal action and consider banning filming at all future events.

Thank you for your support in this matter and helping to safeguard all children at Brockley Primary School.

Kind Regards,

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