

SEAHAM HARBOUR NURSERY SCHOOL

POLICY ON THE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC DEVICES

Introduction

The Governors of Seaham Harbour Nursery School acknowledge that the use of photography in all its forms - conventional, video and digital - is a positive force for learning, care and development, and in broad terms wish to do nothing which might seek to curtail its beneficial use.

However, they acknowledge that there are potential difficulties arising from the abuse of photography, and some legal complications concerning permissions, authority and European Law.

Rationale

The Governing Body wishes to make every effort to prevent any inappropriate use of photographic images of pupils of Seaham Harbour Nursery School.

Aim

To protect pupils, families and staff from inappropriate use of photographic images.

Procedure

- The parent/carer of any child attending Seaham Harbour Nursery School has the right for whatever reason to insist that their child is NOT recorded photographically in any way.
- All parents/carers are required to complete and sign a permission form (copy attached) acknowledging the school statement.
- The proforma would be retained on the child's school records for the period they remain in school.
- Photographs published outside the school will never include the child's name unless specific permission has been sought and granted by the appropriate parent/carer.

Note

Parents need to understand that:

- To safeguard and protect all children, the taking of photographs/videoing of children by parents/carers at school events is not permitted as the school cannot guarantee they will not be publicised in any way ie Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or any other social network site.
- Parents will be informed of this at the beginning of any school event.