

Friday 9th December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Photographing Pupils Questionnaire Summary

Thank you to all of you who returned the recent questionnaires regarding our current and future approach to allowing photography of pupils at school events.

As you will know from my last letter we believe that it is important that you as parents and carers have the chance to record and keep precious memories of your children through their time at school. You will also know that with the advent of digital imagery, the Internet, recent high profile cases of predatory behavior and the fact that some children simply cannot be filmed for their own safety; we need to ensure we keep all our children safe and not allow any images to be shared and posted on social media etc.

We felt that asking your opinion would give us the best steer on how to proceed in future with this and as such we have collated and analysed your sheets and the results (based on the 57 responses) are here:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Total Agrees	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Disagrees
Great Heath should ban all photography at school events	3.51%	1.75%	5.26%	29.82%	64.91%	94.73%
Great Heath should continue with the same reminders as now and allow photography at:						
Friday Celebration Assemblies	51.85%	42.59%	94.44%	1.85%	3.70%	5.55%
Class Assemblies	53.70%	38.88%	92.58%	3.70%	3.70%	7.40%
Plays and Performances (Reception Children Christmas Nativity for example)	55.55%	38.88%	94.43%	1.85%	3.70%	5.55%
Friends of Great Heath School (FOGHS) organised discos	45.45%	45.45%	90.90%	5.45%	3.64%	9.09%
Friends of Great Heath School (FOGHS) organised Christmas Fayres	46.29%	46.29%	92.58%	3.70%	3.70%	7.40%
Friends of Great Heath School (FOGHS) organised Summer Fayres	47.27%	45.45%	92.72%	3.64%	3.64%	7.28%
School Sports Days	50.90%	41.80%	92.70%	3.64%	3.64%	7.28%
School competitive sports fixtures against other local schools	48.21%	44.64%	92.85%	3.57%	3.57%	7.14%

As can be seen whilst the number returned in total is relatively low compared to the number of families in the school* the overwhelming majority have indicated that they would like us to continue as we are.

Therefore:

- We will continue to allow photography at school events.

However:

- We will repeat very clearly at the start of each event that any pictures should only focus on your own child and **MUST NOT** be shared through social media or any other method of file sharing.
- If you are informed that an image of your child has been posted by another parent let us know and/or challenge that parent to remove it.
- If we are informed that someone has posted an image that includes the child of another parent without the permission of that parent we will ask them to remove it and/or contact the police as they will be in contravention of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Finally:

- For those of you who expressly wish that your child is not to be photographed at all by another parent in one of our events please inform us in writing. We will then make every possible effort to keep them hidden from view and/or inform you that this is simply not possible and therefore that they will have to be omitted completely.

Yours sincerely

Steven Vincent

*As with most voting systems it can only be concluded that those who do not respond do not feel strongly either way