

Taking, Storing and Using Images of Children Policy

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1. General

This Policy is intended to provide information to pupils and their parents, carers or guardians (referred to in this policy as "parents") about how images of pupils are normally used by Longridge Towers School. It also covers the School's approach to the use of cameras and filming equipment at school events and on school premises by parents and pupils themselves, and the media.

It applies in addition to the School's terms and conditions/parent contract, and any other information the school may provide about a particular use of pupil images, and more general information about use of pupils' personal data, e.g., the school's Privacy Notice. Images of pupils in a safeguarding context are dealt with under the school's relevant safeguarding policies.

2. General points to be aware of

- 2.1. Certain uses of images are necessary for the ordinary running of the School; other uses are in the legitimate interests of the School and its community and unlikely to cause any negative impact on children. The school is entitled lawfully to process such images and take decisions about how to use them, subject to any reasonable objections raised.
- 2.2. Parents who accept a place for their child at the School are invited to indicate that they agree to the school using images of him/her as set out in this policy, by signing a copy of the policy below and/or from time to time if a particular use of the pupil's image is requested. However, parents should be aware of the fact that certain uses of their child's images may be necessary or unavoidable (for example if they are included incidentally in a group photograph).
- 2.3. We hope parents will feel able to support the School in using pupil images for important administrative purposes such as identification and security, to celebrate the achievements of pupils, sporting and academic; and to promote the work of the School.
- 2.4. Any parent who wishes to limit the use of images of a pupil for whom they are responsible should advise the Admissions Registrar when they complete the Use of Photographs agreement. The School will respect the wishes of parents/carers (and indeed pupils themselves) wherever reasonably possible, and in accordance with this policy.
- 2.5. Parents should be aware that, from around the age of 12 and upwards, the law recognises pupils' own rights to have a say in how their personal information is used – including images.
- 2.6. Particular note should be made that the use of mobile phones and cameras in the Early Years Foundation Stage, is not permitted and that the School uses a camera and iPads to record the evidence required regarding pupils' learning journeys.
- 2.7. Dashcams which are used in the School minibuses are outward facing and do not record pupil images in the bus.
- 2.8. Some pupils are filmed for evidence during examinations in relation to the type of access arrangements they receive. These recordings are kept securely on the School's servers, and deleted after any appeals are completed, and will only be accessed by relevant teaching staff and administration colleagues.

3. Use of Pupil Images in School Publications

- 3.1. Unless the relevant pupil or his or her parent has requested otherwise, the School will use images of its pupils to keep the school community updated on the activities of the School, and for marketing and promotional purposes, including:
- 3.2. on internal displays (including clips of moving images) on digital and conventional notice boards within the school premises;

- 3.3. in communications with the school community (parents, pupils, staff, Governors and alumni) including by email, on the school intranet and by post;
- 3.4. on the School's website and, where appropriate, via the School's social media channels, e.g., Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Such images will not be accompanied by the pupil's full name;
- 3.5. in the School's prospectus, and in online, press and other external advertisements for the School. Such external advertising will not include pupils' full name and in some circumstances the School will seek the parent or pupil's specific consent, depending on the nature of the image or the use.
- 3.6. The source of these images will predominantly be the School's staff (who are subject to policies and rules on how and when to take such images), or a professional photographer used for marketing and promotional purposes, or occasionally pupils themselves. The School will only use images of pupils in suitable dress and the images will be stored securely and centrally.

4. Use of Pupil Images for Identification and Security

- 4.1. All pupils are photographed on entering the School and, thereafter, at two yearly intervals, for the purposes of internal identification. These photographs identify the pupil by name, year group, House and form/tutor group. These photos are used on the student management system for important administration and identification purposes.
- 4.2. CCTV is not in use on school premises.

5. Use of Pupil Images in the Media

- 5.1. Where practicably possible, the School will always notify parents in advance when the media is expected to attend an event or school activity in which school pupils are participating, and will make every reasonable effort to ensure that any pupil whose parent or carer has refused permission for images of that pupil, or themselves, to be made in these circumstances are not photographed or filmed by the media, nor such images provided for media purposes.
- 5.2. The media often asks for the names of the relevant pupils to go alongside the images, and these will be provided where parents have been informed about the media's visit and either parent or pupil has consented as appropriate.

6. Security of Pupil Images

- 6.1. Professional photographers and the media are accompanied at all times by a member of staff when on school premises. The School uses only reputable professional photographers and makes every effort to ensure that any images of pupils are held by them securely, responsibly and in accordance with the School's instructions.
- 6.2. The School takes appropriate technical and organisational security measures to ensure that images of pupils held by the school are kept securely on school systems, and protected from loss or misuse. The School will take reasonable steps to ensure that members of staff only have access to images of pupils held by the school where it is necessary for them to do so.
- 6.3. All staff are given guidance on this, and on the importance of ensuring that images of pupils are made and used responsibly, only for school purposes, and in accordance with school policies and the law.

7. Use of Cameras and Filming Equipment (including mobile phones) by Parents

- 7.1. Parents, guardians or close family members (hereafter, parents) are welcome to take photographs of (and where appropriate, film) their own children taking part in school events, subject to the following guidelines, which the School expects all parents to follow:

- 7.2. When an event is held indoors, such as a play or a concert, parents should be mindful of the need to use their cameras and filming devices with consideration and courtesy for cast members or performers on stage and the comfort of others. Flash photography can disturb others in the audience, or even cause distress for those with medical conditions; the School therefore asks that it is **not** used at indoor events.
- 7.3. Parents are asked **not** to take photographs of other pupils, except incidentally as part of a group shot, without the prior agreement of that pupil's parents.
- 7.4. Parents are reminded that such images are for personal use only. Images which may, expressly or not, identify other pupils should not be made accessible to others via the internet (for example on Social Media), or published in any other way.
- 7.5. Parents are reminded that copyright conditions may prevent the School from permitting the filming or recording of some plays and concerts. The School will always print a reminder in the programme of events where issues of copyright apply.
- 7.6. Parents may **not** film or take photographs backstage during school productions, nor in any other circumstances in which photography or filming may embarrass or upset pupils.
- 7.7. The School reserves the right to refuse or withdraw permission to film or take photographs (at specific events or more generally), from any parent who does not follow these guidelines, or is otherwise reasonably felt to be making inappropriate images.
- 7.8. The School sometimes records plays, sporting events and concerts professionally (or engages a professional photographer or film company to do so), in which case CD, DVD or digital copies may be made available to parents for purchase. This is subject to license agreement. Parents of pupils taking part in such plays and concerts will be consulted if it is intended to make such recordings available more widely.

8. Use of Cameras and Filming Equipment by Pupils

- 8.1. All pupils are encouraged to look after each other, and to report any concerns about the misuse of technology, or any worrying issues to a member of the pastoral staff.
- 8.2. The use of cameras or filming equipment (including on mobile phones) is not allowed in toilets, washing or changing areas, nor should photography or filming equipment be used by pupils in a manner that may offend or cause upset.
- 8.3. The misuse of images, cameras or filming equipment in a way that breaches this Policy, or the School's Anti-Bullying Policy, Data Protection Policy for Pupils, IT Acceptable Use Policy for Pupils child Protection (Safeguarding) Policy or the School Rules is always taken seriously, and may be the subject of disciplinary and/or safeguarding procedure, as set out in the relevant policies.
- 8.4. Some coursework requires filmed evidence for certificate courses, and where this is the case, pupils film each other, or a member of staff carries this out. School cameras are used specifically for this purpose and the images are stored securely on the School' servers.

9. Parental Consent Form

The School makes various uses of images of pupils during their time at school.

Some of these are necessary for administration and the safety of pupils, such as your child's school ID. Media uses, including photos of pupils at work or playing games, may include the School website, on its social media channels or as part of a School prospectus or magazine.

Please indicate below if you consent to your child's image being used. Where appropriate (owing to the pupil's age or nature of the use) we will also seek the verbal or written consent of a particular pupil before publishing any image where that pupil is a particular focus of the shot, or identified by name, but not usually when included as part of a larger group or team shot.

NAME OF CHILD: _____

Tick []

Yes, I consent to my child's image being used in School media in the manner described.

You may withdraw consent at any time in the future, subject to the notice at the bottom of this form. If you object to such uses until further notice, please indicate below. In ensuring we can give effect to your wishes, it will also assist us if you are able to give reasons.

OR:

Tick []

No, I object to all non-essential uses of my child's image without specific consent.

Please give reasons [optional]: _____

Please be aware that objecting as above will not necessarily mean that the School will not continue to process images of your child that are either necessary for administration of the School, or where the School requires it and is otherwise lawfully entitled to do so. It may not be possible to change printed publications, such as the school magazine or prospectus, or third party publications (for example where we have placed an advert or provided an image to a newspaper). Please see the above Taking, Storing and Using Images of Children Policy

NAME OF PARENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Signed: _____