Photographic Images Of Your Child:

Using Photographic Images of Students:

Generally, photographs of children for school and family use, and occasionally for publication in the local Press are a source of pleasure and pride and so are to be welcomed.

However, we live in an age in which technology has vastly increased the use, and potential misuse of photographs. In the recent past there has been concern about the possibility of a child being identified by a photograph in the Press, or in the filming of a school event, in case they are put at risk of being targeted for abuse.

Having taken advice from Surrey Police, Surrey County Council (the Local Education Authority) and other organisations, we believe that the risk of a child being identified by a stranger is so small that, provided reasonable steps are in place to limit the publication of their names and addresses, photography of children at the school should continue, in line with the policy set out below.

The School's Policy:

Our policy is to broadly follow the Department for Education and Skills (DCSF) advice: "If the pupil is named avoid using the photograph. If the photograph is used, avoid naming the pupil", so we will **not** use children's full names alongside their photographs in the school's own printed publications, in video films, on our website or social media (school twitter). However, pupils' first names may be used, and their full names may be given in group situations where they cannot be linked to individuals in the photograph.

With regard to the Press, the school **will** allow local newspapers to take photographs of children, when appropriate, provided that parental consent has been given. Some newspapers insist that children's names must be published with their photographs. If not, they may decline to cover school events. Therefore, we will normally give the children's full names (but not addresses) to newspapers. That is why it is important for you to tell us whether you have any objection. If you do object, the school will not allow your child to be photographed by the Press.

(Please note that the school will seek an undertaking that a child's name will not be used if their image is put on the newspaper's own website).

Although it is fairly rare for television companies to visit the school, your consent for newspaper photographs would also apply to television image. However, children's names are normally not given on television and we would seek specific permission from you if your child's name were to be used.