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Dear Parents/Carers,

Photo and Video Permissions

Thank you for completing our recent survey about your views on images shared on the school website and social media, and on parents taking photographs or videos at assemblies and sporting events at Shoreham Village School.

As you know, we want every family's views to be heard and respected as we review how photographs and videos are taken and shared and recognise that families have different views about sharing images. We also understand that restrictions on taking photographs and videos have meant fewer opportunities to celebrate pupils' successes and share special moments with relatives, including those who live further away.

In the survey, 84% of parents agreed that photographs and videos should be taken at sporting events and assemblies. Following this majority, we will therefore allow parents and carers to photograph or video their own child at these events, **subject to the following important safeguards:**

- Please photograph or video **your own child only**.
- Please **do not share** photographs or videos taken at school events on social media, even if they show your child. Other pupils may be visible in the background, and their families may not have given permission for their image to be shared.

These safeguards help protect every pupil's privacy and dignity while allowing us to celebrate their achievements.

The school will continue to share updates on social media, but these will generally avoid showing pupils clearly. For particular events or trips, where identifiable images may be shared, we will seek specific permission at the time.

We will respect each family's individual wishes. Before using or sharing images for school purposes, we will check our consent records. We will not share identifiable images of pupils without the appropriate consent. Where a pupil does not have consent, we will take care not to include them in identifiable images or, where appropriate, to obscure their identity.

Please complete the consent form here: https://forms.gle/dkon5bMMmKAGnxEn8

Thank you for helping us keep our pupils safe while enabling us to celebrate their successes with care.

Yours sincerely,

Nikki Sheraton Head of School