

Parental Consent for Image



Dear Parent/Carer

This letter explains why we will need to ask for your consent before we are able to take photographs of your child during their time at Herne Bay Infant School & Seashells Nursery.

Generally photographs are a source of pleasure and pride. We believe that the taking and use of photographs can enhance the self-esteem of children and their families and therefore is something to be welcomed and appreciated.

We may take photographs for a number of reasons whilst your child is with us, including:

- documenting and recording education activities
- recording their learning and development progress
- recording special events and achievements

We will also encourage children to be active learners, and to become involved in using equipment themselves by taking photos of their surroundings, activities and of each other.

We do however recognise that with the increase use of technologies, particularly digitally and online, the potential for misuse has become greater and we understand that this can give rise to concern. We will therefore endeavour to put effective safeguards in place to protect children and young people by minimising risk.

We are mindful of the fact that some families may have reasons why protecting a child's identity is a matter of particular anxiety. If you have special circumstances either now or at any time in the future which would affect your position regarding consent, please let us know immediately in writing.

We include the safe use of Cameras and Images as part of our Online Safety Policy, which you are welcome to view or take a copy of at any time.

To comply with the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) 2018, we need your permission before we can photograph or make any recordings of your child. If your child is old enough to express their own view, you may want to consult with them about categories of consent, and we invite you to use this letter to explore their feelings about being photographed at the setting.

Please read and complete the attached forms and do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Bernadette Lax
Headteacher

Herne Bay Infant School & Seashells Nursery Guide to the Use of Images Online

Using Images Safely and Responsibly

We all enjoy and treasure images of our family and friends; family events, holidays and events are moments we all like to capture in photos or on video.

We now have the exciting dimension of adding our images and videos to our online social networks which are Twitter, Instagram and our school website. This means that we can easily share our photos and video with family and friends.

Whilst this can be very useful to all of us, we must ensure we protect and safeguard all children and staff, including those who do not want to have their images stored online.

What should we all think about before posting any images or video online and are there any risks?

- Once posted and shared online any image or video can be copied and will stay online forever.
- Some children are at risk and **MUST NOT** have their image put online. Not all members of the community will know who they are.
- Some people do not want their images online for personal or religious reasons.
- Some children and staff may have a complex family background which means that sharing their image online can have unforeseen consequences.
- Therefore in order to keep all members of the community safe we must all **'Think Before We Post'** Online

At Herne Bay Infant School & Seashells Nursery, once we have consent, we are happy for parents and carers to take photos and video of events for personal use but request that these images are not distributed or put online. This is to protect all members of the community.

We thank you for your support,

Further Information on the Use of Images and video:

- Information Commissioner's Office: <http://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/education/>
- Think U Know: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents
- Get Safe Online: www.getsafeonline.org