



The Federation of St Elphege's and Regina Coeli Catholic Schools



Photographs and videos of children – Parent Agreement

Educational Purposes

We take photos of children regularly to record achievements in school (e.g. a Reception child writing, or a child receiving a certificate in assembly). All images are stored securely on our academy network and are used for display purposes within school or as a record of evidence.

For instance, during an inspection we use images as evidence of activities taking place.

Learning journeys are utilised as a record of evidence in the Early Years setting. We use photographs and videos (if the facility is available) to evidence your child's learning.

These images are taken for educational purposes and are processed on the basis of the public duty of our academy to educate our children, therefore consent is not required to be obtained. We may include group photographs to show a group activity. We will ask for your consent to show your child in a group setting as this means that other children will appear in the photograph on the learning journey.

Evidencing and sharing achievement & learning

We like to share what we are doing on our website and class blogs. Children love to see themselves on our website and enjoy sharing this with their family, especially other relatives. There are currently images in the learning section of our website and our class blogs showing examples of activities in school. There are also galleries of images from recent residential trips.

If we put images on our website, we have some specific rules:

- To avoid identifying a pupil by name (unless for a specific reason, such as an award or recognition, and in such cases, only using a first name).
- Only to show images of pupils fully clothed

Parents do have the right to withhold consent for pictures of their children to appear on the learning section of the website and class blogs, which are in the public domain.

Parents/carers have the right to have an image removed at any time. If you wish to withdraw your consent, please contact the office and they will record this and remove the photograph.

Use of photographs by third parties

On occasions we are asked to provide an image for publication beyond our website (e.g. in a newspaper). On these occasions we would allow a group situation, such as children working together in a classroom or playing outside

We would ensure that, where a parent has specifically asked for no images to be used in the public domain, that child is not in the picture. If an image is required of one or two children together, or names are required (e.g. newspapers often request first names), we would contact the parent on that occasion to discuss this and obtain consent for the publication of the personal data. We would only ever allow first names to be used.

Photographs taken for the purposes of marketing and promotion

We refresh the photographs on our websites on a rolling five-year basis. We will use a professional photographer to take these pictures and we will let you know in advance when these photographs will be taken. We try to ensure that these photographs are reflective of all the children in the academy and inevitably some children featured may leave school less than five years after the photographs are taken.

Therefore to ensure that your consent for marketing photographs remains valid after your child leaves the academy, we extend the consent for a period of 4 years after your child has left the academy.

Trusted third parties that we work with, for example providers of educational software, may request a photograph of children for use on their own website. In this specific instance we will only use professional photographs taken for the express purpose of marketing and promotion. We will additionally contact the parents of the children in the photographs to inform them of the request and confirm that they are happy for these photographs to be used.

Photograph taken by parents

We will continue to allow parents to record images at school events such as sports days, concerts, and productions, provided these are for personal use and pictures involving any other children are not shared on social media sites.

Withholding and withdrawal of consent

If you do not wish your child's photograph to be published, please indicate this on the consent form, and we will ensure that your child's photograph is not published in the public domain.

If you wish to withdraw your consent for photographs of your child to be used in the public domain, please email the office: junior-office@stelphegesrcschools.org.uk at any time and we will record this for you.

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Please circle or delete as appropriate and return this form to school.

Consent One

I am happy for photos of my child to be used in the **learning section of The Federation of St Elphege's & Regina Coeli Catholic Schools website and App**. This consent is valid until such time as my child's cohort leaves the academy in Year 6.

YES / NO

Consent Two

I am happy for photos of my child to be **published by a news agency**. This consent is valid until such time as my child's cohort leaves the academy in Year 6.

YES / NO

Consent Three

I am happy for photos of my child to be used for the purposes of **promoting and marketing The Federation of St Elphege's & Regina Coeli Catholic Schools website**. This may be on the academy's website or on other promotional materials. This consent is valid for four years after my child leaves the academy.

YES / NO

Consent Four

I am happy for photos of my child to be used by **trusted third parties for the purposes of promoting and marketing their products**. This may be on their website or on other promotional materials. This consent is valid for four years after my child leaves the academy.

YES / NO

Consent Five

I am happy for photos of my child to be used in a group setting in their **Early Years learning journeys**. This consent is valid until such time as my child leaves Reception year (end of Early Years Foundation Stage).

YES / NO

OR Withholding of consent for publication of photographs in the public domain

I do not agree that photographs of my child may be published in the public domain. This withholding of consent does not apply to photographs being taken and stored as part of my child's learning.

YES / NO

If you change your mind at any time, you can let us know by emailing the school office at junior-office@stelphegesrcschools.org.uk or phoning the school on **0208 669 6306** or calling into the school office. If you have any other questions, please get in touch.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Date: _____