

School Policy: Photography and Filming During Performances

September 2026

Purpose

This policy ensures the safeguarding and privacy of all pupils during school events, including Christmas performances, assemblies, and other productions. It provides clear guidance to parents, carers, staff, and visitors on the use of photography and filming.

Policy Statement

The school is committed to safeguarding pupils and respecting the privacy of families. To uphold these principles, **parents, carers, and visitors are not permitted to take photographs or videos during school performances.**

Rationale

- **Safeguarding:** Some pupils may be vulnerable, and sharing images without consent could place them at risk.
- **Privacy:** Not all families wish for their child's image to be captured or shared.
- **Focus:** Restricting photography ensures that the audience can fully enjoy and engage with the performance without distraction.

Implementation

- Parents and carers will be informed of this policy in advance of performances through letters, newsletters, and event reminders.
- Clear signage will be displayed at the venue entrance and within the performance space.
- Staff will remind attendees of the policy before each performance begins.
- Any breaches of this policy will be addressed immediately by staff, with a request to stop filming or photographing.

School Commitment

To ensure families can still enjoy memories of these special occasions, the school will:

- Arrange for photographs or recordings to be taken by staff or approved professionals, in line with safeguarding guidelines.
- Share these images or recordings with parents and carers through secure channels (Dojo, Park Brow Instagram, website), ensuring consent is respected.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to reflect safeguarding best practice and parental feedback.

Review date: September 2027