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Dear Parent/Carer

Photographs/Digital Recordings at school performances/school assemblies

During the Year 6 Summer production, it is likely that many of you intend to make recordings or take photographs of your child as a special memento. However, with the growing popularity of internet sharing websites, we should make you aware of the safety implications to your child and other children, should you choose to publish photographs of your child online.

Modern technology means it is very easy to distribute images world-wide via websites such as Facebook. Sometimes, without intending any offence, it is possible to 'publish' photos that include other people's children. The parents of those children may not be happy about images being published on the web. There may even be legal reasons for these photos to not be made public. Whilst it would be unreasonable to ban all photography and recordings at such events, we do ask that if you intend to take photographs or make recordings that you are aware of the responsibilities, not only towards your children, but to the children of others.

We ask that if any photographs/recordings are published through a social networking website or other internet sharing site that you are considerate and understanding if images of other people's children are involved. For the safety of the children, they should not be 'tagged' in photographs from school events; neither should their full names, names of any other children or the name of our school be published. It should be noted that whilst it is permissible under the Data Protection Act 1998 to take photographs for personal use, publication of such images may be unlawful.

We hope you understand the need for sensible use of photographs and recordings involving children from our school, and whilst we discourage publishing photographs of children online we ask that you are considerate to others if you do decide to publish your photographs/recordings.

Please Note: Finally, if you intend to make a video recording of the Easter Service, please let Mrs Baxter or Mrs McGill know in the school office so that a log of the recording can be made.

Yours sincerely

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