

Dear Parents / Carers

The children have very much enjoyed coming to school in a variety of outfits to join in with the Children in Need Appeal and it looks as if we have raised £167.00 to add to what is sure to be a fantastic total given the generosity of people across the United Kingdom. We have had a very nice day and a pleasure to see the children enjoying themselves in a good cause. We will see that our contribution is banked as soon as possible next week.

The Flu Immunisation Programme is scheduled to arrive at school on Monday and though there have been some reports of supplies running low, we are expecting the school nurse and her team for 9am. Remember this is not a "flu jab" - no needles are involved so no one need be anxious.

Parent and Carers will recall that they all sign an AUP - Acceptable Use Policy form in Reception which stays in place, unless you decide otherwise, throughout the child's primary years. One part of this form refers specifically to what permissions are granted for pictures appearing on the school website, local press and social media. As a rule all pictures that are taken in school by parents / carers are for the "family album" and are not to be displayed on social media. This is because any group shots, even of one or two pupils, may well include a child whose parents have specifically requested that photographs or video of their child are not to be displayed on any forum.

These requests have been noted and care taken to abide by the wishes of parents / carers. It would be fair to say that a minority of children were involved.

More recently (Summer 2018) our GDPR "Parental Consent for Pupil" form has been issued and returned. A careful analysis of both has now taken place and we are finding that some of the options that some parents / carers agreed to on the AUP form are contradicted by what they have informed us on the Parent Consent Form.

Now everyone is entitled to change their mind and given that the Parent Consent Form for GDPR is the most recent document returned we now find that we have almost thirty children whose images are restricted in some ways or in every way. This makes posting pictures of class groups, school activities and trips and visits etc. on the school website really difficult as we do not have the expertise to erase images or amend them to try and comply with the wishes expressed.

Filming the Y3 / Y4 show was completed but we are unable to show it on the school website as we have too many children now whose images can't be shown. It will unfortunately be a similar picture for the Reception Nativity and any of the Christmas Performances, class parties etc. that we have scheduled. The list could go on. We could possibly show still shots of carefully chosen children and manage as best we can using this method and it may well be the only option in future.

Of course we cannot allow parents / carers to take their own videos and pictures because inadvertently they could well be photographing and posting on line pictures of

children whose parents have not given permission for this to happen. As you can appreciate it is very difficult for the school to try to police effectively.

Now I am well aware that there are most often very good reasons for parents / carers to instruct the school as they do but the school may send another simplified form out next week that will simply say:

"Can your Child / Children's picture be displayed on the school website?"

YES or NO

This is ONLY for the official school web site, not on Social Media or anything similar or in the local and national press, should that option arise. We would ask that all parents / carers respect this fact.

Parents and carers who do not give consent have every right to simply tick the NO box and their wishes will be followed. If numbers who are allowed increase, we may be able, with some judicious planning, to go ahead with filming, photographing class events and activities and posting these on our own school website. Please look out for the form.

In the meantime have a good weekend.

Best Wishes.

Yours Sincerely,

K J Smithson

Head Teacher.