

The Bourne Partnership



Hadlow Primary and Shipbourne Primary Camera and Image Policy

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The use of cameras should be considered an essential and integral part of everyday life. As such, children and young people and early year's practitioners and their managers will be encouraged to use such technology in a positive and responsible way.

It has to be recognised, however, that digital technology has increased the potential for cameras and images to be misused and inevitably there will be concerns about the risks to which children and young people may be exposed.

We recognise that having the right policies and practices in place will also protect school staff from misunderstanding, false accusations and damage to reputation around the use of digital images.

Practical steps must be taken to ensure that the use of cameras and images will be managed sensitively and respectfully. A proactive and protective ethos is to be reflected which will aim to promote effective safeguarding practice.

It must, however, be acknowledged that technology itself will not present the greatest risks, but the behaviours of individuals using such equipment will.

The Camera and Image Policy will aim to ensure safer and appropriate use of cameras and images through agreed acceptable use procedures. This is to be in line with legislative requirements and will aim to respect the rights of all individuals.

The Camera and Image Policy will apply to all individuals who are to have access to and/or be users of work-related photographic equipment. This will include children and young people, parents and carers, early year's practitioners and their managers, volunteers, students, committee members, visitors, contractors and community users. This list is not to be considered exhaustive.

The Camera and Image Policy will apply to the use of any photographic equipment. This will include mobile phones, video cameras, webcams and portable gaming devices with inbuilt cameras as well as other forms of digital technology and resources for storing and printing images.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is to be responsible for ensuring the acceptable, safe use and storage of all camera technology and images. This will include the management, implementation, monitoring and review of the Camera and Image Policy.

This policy complies with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998, Freedom of Information Act 2000, Human Rights Act 1998 and other relevant Acts regarding the taking and use of photographic images of children.

All images will be used in a manner respectful of the eight Data Protection Principles. This means that images will be:

- i.** Fairly and lawfully processed
- ii.** Processed for limited, specifically stated purposes only
- iii.** Used in a way that is adequate, relevant and not excessive
- iv.** Accurate and up to date
- v.** Kept on file for no longer than is necessary
- vi.** Processed in line with an individual's legal rights
- vii.** Kept securely
- viii.** Adequately protected if transferred to other countries.

Within The Bourne Partnership all staff, parents / carers and, where age appropriate, pupils are required to agree to the appropriate Acceptable Use Policy. When taken together these cover the requirements of, and set out the procedures for, the taking and storage of photographs, digital images and videos. Additionally, all parents are asked to give their consent to photographs, digital images and videos being taken and are made aware of the contexts, nature and the use to which these will be put.

Use of digital and video images

Policy statements:

In this partnership:

- We gain parental / carer permission for use of digital photographs or video involving their child as part of the school agreement form when their daughter / son joins the school;
- Digital images / video of pupils are stored in a private teachers' shared images folder on the network and images are deleted when the child leaves the school – unless an item is specifically kept for a key school publication;
- We do not identify pupils in online photographic materials or include the full names of pupils in the credits of any published school produced video materials;
- Staff sign the school's Acceptable Use Policy and this includes a clause on the use of mobile phones / personal equipment for taking pictures of pupils;
- The school blocks / filters access to social networking sites or newsgroups unless there is a specific approved educational purpose;
- Pupils are taught about how images can be manipulated in their online safety education programme and also taught to consider how to publish for a wide range of audiences which might include governors, parents or younger children as part of their ICT scheme of work;
- Pupils are advised to be very careful about placing any personal photos on any 'social' online network space. They are taught to understand the need to maintain privacy settings so as not to make public, personal information.
- Pupils are taught that they should not post images or videos of others without their permission. We teach them about the risks associated with providing information with images (including the name of the file), that reveals the identify of others and their location, such as house number, street name or school. We teach them about the need to keep their data secure and what to do if they are subject to bullying or abuse.

Online Publications

- The Headteacher takes overall editorial responsibility to ensure that the website (and any other online platform) used by the school content is accurate and the quality of presentation is maintained;
- Uploading of information is restricted to our website authorisers: Cherry Headon and Terri Daters
- The school web site complies with the school's guidelines for publications;
- Most material is the school's own work; where other's work is published or linked to, we credit the sources used and state clearly the author's identity or status;
- The point of contact on the web site is the school address, telephone number and we use a general email contact platform. Home information or individual e-mail identities will not be published;

- Photographs published on the web do not have names attached;
- We do not use pupils' names when saving images in the file names or in the tags when publishing to the school website;

CCTV: we do not have CCTV on the school site

Monitoring and Review:

This policy was written and agreed by the Headteachers. It will be reviewed at least annually and its implementation will be reviewed by the governing board.