

Information for parents re Digital Images

At Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School we take the issue of child safety very seriously, and this includes the use of images (including video) of pupils. Including images of pupils in school publications and on the school website can be motivating for the pupils involved, and provide a good opportunity to promote the work of the school.

We ask that parents consent to the school taking and using photographs and images of their children. Any use of pupil images at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School is underpinned by our school's acceptable child care policy.

Teachers may take photographs of the children, in school or on trips, for display purposes within the school or church. Photographs may also be used from time to time in school newsletters, the prospectus, other publications, presentations or on the school's website.

It is the school's policy to allow parents to photograph/video significant events such as the Christmas Play and Sports Day as long as it would not disrupt the smooth running of the school or be too intrusive.

Parents should be aware of the images they take and where and when they use them. Posting images onto social websites (e.g. FACEBOOK or YOUTUBE) or using material without the permission of other parents is illegal and taken seriously by the P.S.N.I.

Because Our Lady of Lourdes is a successful school, local and/or national media organisations sometimes ask to photograph children. Also visiting organisations may ask to take pictures of the activities they are involved in such as assemblies or workshops. If parents do not want their child to be involved in this, and would not like them to be photographed for any reason they are asked to inform the school in writing.