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Christmas performances: guidance for parents who want to film, photograph or stream school events

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Christmas performances are taking place this week on Wednesday 19th (Foundation Stage and KS1) and Thursday 20th December (KS2), so we would like to take this opportunity to outline our policy which applies to all video or audio capture of pupils and staff at school. (This policy applies to sporting events, parents' evenings, plays, assemblies, school trips and any other school event or gathering, whether on school premises or beyond.)

We appreciate that families will treasure photographic/video memories, and the general rule is that parents and carers may take photos and videos of the children in their care, for personal use only. When you capture footage or still images of your children, there is a strong possibility that other children will also be visible or audible. For this reason, no such content should be shared publicly. You may have seen other parents share images of school plays on social media, but this does not make it advisable or acceptable.

General Data Protection Regulation

Parents/Carers are not covered by the General Data Regulation (GDPR) if they are taking photographs or making a video recording of their own child for private use. Parents/Carers at Meridian are therefore permitted to take photographs or make recordings of their own child at school events.

Parents/Carers are not permitted, however, to take photographs or make a video recording for anything other than their own personal use. The GDPR considers an image of a child to be personal data and does not permit such photos or videos to be sold, put on public display or to be put on the internet. Recording or photography other than for private use would require the consent of all the other parents/carers whose children may be included in the image. Without this consent, the GDPR would be breached.

Live streaming

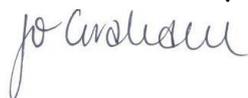
Live streaming, whether public or private, cannot be permitted and we request that you do not use any streaming platforms or 'live' features (e.g. Facebook Live) to stream events/circumstances as they occur. You may be asked to leave the premises or event if this takes place.

Consideration of others

Parents/Carers and other visitors will be asked to remain in their seats when attending performances. This ensures that children are kept safe, the performance is not disrupted and children and staff are not distracted. **Please show consideration to other parents/carers and visitors by not blocking their view with your phone or camera.**

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Jo Graham
Headteacher