

## The Issue

Sadly we live in a society where not everyone has children's best interests at heart.

We have already asked for you to consent for photographs of your child to be used in the press and/or our website. However, we must all remember that some parents and people in temporary care of children may not be able to grant permission for photographs as to do so could endanger the child as his/her whereabouts may need to be kept secret.

Ensuring the safety of these, our most vulnerable children, is the responsibility of the whole community of Torpoint.

You will not, nor should you, know who these children are. Although we realise that you have the right to take photographs, by asking you to think carefully and not to take photographs at school events we are trying to balance your desire as parents to be present with the need to protect our most vulnerable children.

We realise that you have entrusted to us your most precious gift and so we strive to provide a setting which ensures that your child is safe, secure, valued and inspired.

Whatever we do, please be assured that we do it with the best interests of your children at heart.



Where each child is special and every child matters



Protecting your children and  
the use of Photographs –  
A guide for parents

## Why do we use photographs?

### To record and capture special moments

The curriculum which your child studies in our school is based upon first hand experiences and active learning. Observations of your child's play and activities form the basis of our assessment of the progress he/she is making and the identification of next steps in learning. Much of this is ongoing assessment recorded in the Learning Journey Book - a individual invaluable document which will be given to you as parents as a precious keepsake for your child's early learning. Many of the special moments in your child's time with us will be captured in photographs which are kept in the Learning Journey Book. This enables

you to share in the experience in some way even though you could not be present at the time that it occurred.

### To celebrate our school as a learning community.

We also take photographs which form part of displays for the whole school community to share. These may be of an assembly, a record of a special visitor or activity such as school trip.

### To celebrate and share our work with the community of Torpoint

The local press are keen to publish our activities and we are equally keen to share our experiences with the community of Torpoint. This usually includes a photograph of children doing something interesting and worthwhile!

### To liven up our website!

Our website would be very dull and boring if we could not show pictures of our children learning. We try to have pictures that represent each class and the wide variety of educational experiences they undertake in school.

### To show what we do as a school

When we have meetings for parents we may use a presentation to explain how we work as a school. This is an invaluable way of showing what active learning looks like in our school. We have built up a bank of photographs which are part of these fantastic presentations.