

POLICY RE PHOTOGRAPY/DIGITAL IMAGES AND RECORDINGS

Related policies:

Internet Access Policy – School website and Social Media

Mobile Phones, Tablet Devices Policy

Assessment Policy

Data Protection Policy

Research shows that digital technologies can play a positive role in supporting high quality teaching, learning and assessment. The use of tablet devices and smart phones is now an integral part of the lives of children and young people. In the school setting, using digital technologies mediated by the teacher can be invaluable in assisting teaching, learning and assessment and in equipping the children with skills to navigate the online world safely.

Assessment is used to inform planning for teaching and to identify needs of all pupils so that adequate strategies can be put in place. The range of assessment strategies is wide and varied and includes teacher observations, questioning and discussion, photographs and samples of children's work etc. The aim of these assessments is to facilitate improved pupil learning, create a procedure for monitoring achievement and to inform parents of pupils' progress and to assist in the identification of pupils who may require specialised support.

It is school policy to celebrate our children's work and achievements. Images of our pupils and their work will be taken for teaching and learning purposes and may appear on our website, and/or in our school classrooms and notice boards and/or in our planning of teaching and records of learning achieved. The school recognises the usefulness and practicality of using mobiles phones and electronic devices in capturing and enhancing learning moments and recognises their potential as an educational resource.

The school asks parents when their child is in Junior Infants to sign a consent form allowing pupils to use ICT and permitting the school to take and use photographs, and digital images and recordings of their child.

In the interest of pupil and staff safety the BOM, following consultation with the school community has decided that mobile phones and other personal digital technological devices which contain cameras with photographic and/or recording capability should not be used in any way which will (i) offend the privacy of any school individual and or (ii) be damaging to the reputation of the school.

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Particular care will be taken where photographs of pupils are being used on the school website <http://www.stjosephsterenure.ie> and on the school twitter account [@stjosephsbns](https://twitter.com/stjosephsbns). We do not publish pupils' full names or photographs that identify individuals on our webpages and permission will be sought from other individuals before they are referred to by name on any pages we publish on our website.