

PHOTOGRAPHIC DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Well one thing is for sure, Covid 19 is still keeping us all on the edge of our seats, and following the government's decision to close Schools brought us even greater challenges! So, we have had our heads together here – social distancing of course! Trying to implement a safer working policy ready for when Schools do return, so that we can assure you that your staff and pupils will be safe whilst still being able to capture quality school images for your parents of their little ones, and at a time like this any memory is now more precious than ever!

This is very new and unfamiliar territory, and we have to introduce many changes to the way we can now work, we have outlined the changes we think will work safely from a school photographic perspective keeping everyone safe, but please we would welcome any input from yourselves that you think may improve the school photographic day and add to the safety of everyone including our photographers, as the safety of your children and staff is paramount to us.

PHOTOGRAPH DAY

For photograph day we would need to use the hall or a very large room so we have maximum space. Our photographer will set up into a corner where possible, there will be plastic protection screening erected in front of the photographer protecting both the pupils and the photographer and we feel that this will eliminate the use of masks, as talking to children through masks may be difficult and quite daunting for little ones!

Working in the hall/large room will also enable us to place out markers on the floor, these will be placed 1 metre apart for the children to stand behind whilst waiting to have their photograph taken, so social distance is in place and there is no contact between students.

All children will be photographed standing up, there will be markers on the floor, and with the guidance of the photographer they will be guided on how to stand, this will eliminate any cross contamination to the pupil touching or sitting down on any equipment repeatedly.

Unfortunately, this term we will not be able to offer parents the opportunity to bring in younger/older siblings into School at 8.30 am for photographs, we feel that due to the safety of the school and our photographer this cannot be carried out in a safe and contact free manor.

Our photographers will work totally contactless in School – there will be no contact between the photographer and student and no contact between the photographer and your members of staff.

Sibling groups however do pose a problem, reading the governments guidelines on how children returning to school will have to minimise the number of contacts each pupil has during the day, by keeping classes or whole year groups apart from others, so for this term only we are suggesting that children are only photographed on their own and no sibling groups to be taken, this takes away the problems/risks of children walking around school fetching their siblings from other classes in which they should not be going into and would certainly introduce many more risks. However, if parents do want a sibling photograph, we do have it covered, when ordering on our website they can select to order a sibling group photo. From the individual images we can produce and edit a family photo for them using their children's individual proof references which they will be asked for when ordering.

Once the proof photographs are ready, they will be delivered/posted back into school batched in classes for direct distribution to the Teachers who will give them out to their children to take home.

We want to keep the ordering system totally contactless and cashless for you, parents can only order their photographs using our online system, this will keep your school entirely cashless, there will be no handling of money or paperwork. All processed orders will be posted out direct to the parent's home addresses – no orders will be returned back into school for you to distribute to children/parents. This takes away all unnecessary handling and unnecessary contact keeping your staff safe.

We hope that we have given a safe outline for working on photograph day, but please if you think there is something we may have overlooked, we would welcome any suggestions or action plans we could carry out to make the day even safer for everyone.

Stay safe

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