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FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY AT EVENTS

Dear Parents,

I am writing to remind you that for the forthcoming half-term (June 4th – July 24th) the governing body has reluctantly decided to ban the use of filming and the taking of photographs at school events. Essentially we have an increasingly large number of children who cannot be filmed or photographed for the risk of this then being shared on 'social media platforms'. Unfortunately our requests over many years have not been universally adhered to – which places these children's safety at immediate and potentially severe risk to them. We cannot compromise on the safety of our children and we therefore ask for you to adhere to this policy for the forthcoming events – most notably Sports Day. Everyone must consider the role that we all individually play in safeguarding and we must therefore take collective responsibility for this. If families are unable to adhere to our policy then we will be forced to consider whether we can open events to everyone if we feel the safety of our children is compromised. So I ask you to understand the reasons why and follow our policy on this and show your active support – even though this may seem a reluctant measure we have to take and one that you would personally disagree with. We will then review this at the end of the academic year before sharing plans for 2018/2019.

We thank you for your support in advance.

Yours sincerely

Mr G. Denton
Headteacher