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Important Update: Photography and Video Recording at School Events

Dear Parents and Carers,

At St Peter's, the safety, well-being, and privacy of our pupils are always our highest priorities. We are incredibly proud of our pupils and wider community and always look forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate your children's achievements.

However, following recent widely reported incidents concerning the misuse of images and videos of children online, we have carefully reviewed our safeguarding policies. **To ensure the protection of all our pupils, we will no longer permit parents, carers, or visitors to take photographs or record videos during class assemblies and school performances.**

We understand that this will be disappointing news for many of you who wish to capture these special moments and this decision has not been taken lightly. However, we strongly believe that it is a necessary step to safeguard our children in a digital world. Some families in our community have strict privacy requirements, and we cannot guarantee that footage taken by audience members will not inadvertently feature other children and be shared online.

Moving Forward: How We Will Share Memories

We still want you to have a keepsake of these wonderful moments. To balance safeguarding with celebrating your child's hard work, we are implementing the following:

- **Official School Photos:** The school will take a group photograph of the class (in their costumes or staging), which will be shared safely with parents via ClassDojo.
- **Designated Photo Opportunities:** At the end of an assembly or performance, there will be a clear window where you may take a photo of **your own child only** against a designated backdrop, ensuring no other pupils are in the frame.

⚠️ A Gentle Reminder: Please ensure that any official school photos shared via Dojo are for personal viewing only and are **never** uploaded to public social media platforms.

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Year 6 Leavers Assembly

For Year 6 parents, we will contact you separately in the coming weeks to request permission for the special leavers video we intend to record and show during their final assembly.

Special Note for Sports Day

We understand that Sports Day is a unique outdoor event. **We will allow you to take photos at Sports Day, but we strictly ask that you only take photos of your own child.** Please do not take group photos or images that capture other children in the background.

We greatly appreciate your understanding, cooperation, and support in keeping all the children in our school safe. If you have any questions regarding this policy change, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a time to speak with me.

With regards to this issue, can you please check that all photo/3rd party permissions are up to date in your MCAS parent app to ensure our records are up to date.

Thank you for your understanding.



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