

PHOTOGRAPH POLICY

Slindon College (the College) is obliged to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 when it takes or publishes photographs of its pupils. The College will always try to act in the best interest of the pupils and, as far as it legally can, it will take parental preferences into account.

The Data Protection Act gives children rights over their own data when they are considered to have adequate capacity to understand. Most children will reach this level of understanding at around age 12. Where the College considers that the child does not have the capacity to make such a decision the College will act as it considers to be in the best interests of the child and in doing so will take account of any stated parental preference.

If you wish to express a preference for the College to avoid taking or publishing photographs of your child in certain circumstances then please indicate your preferences using the Consent Form. If no preferences are expressed then we will act in accordance with the principles expressed in this policy.

Ordinarily the following rules will apply to photographs in the College:

Photographs for Internal Use

The College will take photographs for its own use. Usually, these will be unnamed photographs and will generally be for internal use but may also include photographs for publication, such as photos for the prospectus, or to show as slides at an event for parents. Unnamed photographs may also be used on display boards which can be seen by visitors to the College.

When the photograph is taken, the pupils will be informed that a photograph is being taken and told what it is for so that they can object if they wish.

If the College wants to use named photographs then it will obtain specific consent first. For most pupils, this will be pupil consent as explained above but parental wishes will be taken into account.

Media Use

The College will give proper consideration to the interests of its pupils when deciding whether to allow external organisations to take photographs or to film.

When the Media are allowed to be present in the College or at College events, this will be on the condition that they observe this policy.

Where the media are allowed to be present at a particular event the College will make sure that pupils and their parents or carers are informed of the media presence. If no objection is received, then the College will assume that unnamed photographs may be published.

If the Media entity wants to publish named photographs then they must obtain specific consent from those pupils with the capacity to consent or the parents of those without capacity. The College will require the media entity to check with the College before publication so that the College can check that any objections have been taken into account.

Family Photographs at College Events

It shall be at the discretion of the College whether photographs may be taken at a College event.

Family and friends taking photographs for the family album will not be covered by Data Protection legislation.

Where the College decides to allow such photography, the family and friends will be asked not to publish any photographs showing children other than their own on the internet.