

RHPS – Photos during school events

Our common sense approach...



With a number of school events approaching, we felt it would be useful to explain Rushmere's 'common sense approach' to photos being taken during school events.

We totally understand that these events are milestones in your child's life and we know why you would want a photograph of your child dressed as a shepherd or angel in the school nativity.

There are reasons why taking a photo during these events are not always easy...

1. Some of the parents have not given permission for their child to have their photo taken. (This may be just a preference or for **particular safeguarding reasons**).
2. Photos taken during performances can be distracting to the children and to the others who are hoping to enjoy the performance.
3. The staff will be focused on the performance, as should the parents, we do not want to spend time policing the audience with inflexible rules and creating a distraction from the main event.

If you are desperate to take a photo of your child during an event and you are able to get a good enough picture whilst; (a) your child is moving on the stage (b) you are sitting 12 rows from the front (c) you have a lady sat in front of you with big hair, and (d) getting reflections from the stage lighting... then please follow the rules:

- Ensure you are only taking photographs of your **own child**.
- If you share the photo through messaging or social media, please ensure **only your child appears in the photograph** (you may have to use the crop tool).
- Ensure that you are **not distracting your child** or affecting the view or experience for other parents by trying to take your photo.

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PROVIDING EVERYONE IS ABLE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES OUR COMMON SENSE APPROACH WILL REMAIN. IF THE RULES ARE NOT FOLLOWED; PHOTOS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ALL SCHOOL EVENTS.

