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PHOTOGRAPHIC AND VIDEO IMAGES POLICY

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Statement of intent

This policy applies to the Pennine Trust and all of the schools that make up the trust. The Trust uses imagery and videos for a variety of purposes, including prospectuses, display boards, educational purposes, conferences and the school website. We understand that parents may also wish to take videos or photos of their children participating in school events for personal use. Whilst we recognise the benefits of photography and videos to our school community, we also understand that these can have significant risks for those involved. Under the legal obligations of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the school has specific responsibilities in terms of how photos and videos are taken, stored and retained. The school has implemented a policy on the safe use of cameras and videos by staff and parents to reflect the protective ethos of the school with regard to pupils' safety. In order to ensure that, as far as possible, the use of photography and video is used safely at all times, the policy provided below should be followed. This policy is applicable to all forms of visual media, including film, print, video, DVD and websites.

Legal framework

1.1. This policy has due regard to legislation, including, but not limited to, the following:

- The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)
- The Freedom of Information Act 2000
- Data Protection Act 2018
- The Equality Act 2010

1.2. This policy has been created with regard to the following guidance:

- Information Commissioner's Office (2017) 'Overview of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)'
- Information Commissioner's Office (2017) 'Preparing for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 12 steps to take now'.

1.3. This policy also has due regard to the school's policies, including, but not limited to, the following:

- SEND Policy
- Behavioural Policy
- GDPR Data Protection Policy

2. Definitions

For the purpose of this policy:

2.1. "Personal use" of photography and videos is defined as the use of cameras to take images and recordings of children by relatives, friends or known individuals, e.g. a parent taking a group photo of their child and their friends at a school event. These photos and videos are only for personal use by the individual taking the photo and are not intended to be passed on to unknown sources. The principles of the GDPR do not apply to images and videos taken for personal use.

2.2. "Official school use" is defined as photography and videos which are used for school purposes, e.g. for building passes. These images are likely to be stored electronically alongside other personal data. The principles of the GDPR apply to images and videos taken for official school use.

2.3. "Media use" is defined as photography and videos which are intended for a wide audience, e.g. photographs of children taken for a local newspaper. The principles of the GDPR apply to images and videos taken for media use.

2.4. Staff may also take photos and videos of pupils for "educational purposes".

These are not intended for official school use, but may be used for a variety of reasons, such as school displays, special events, assessment and workbooks. The principles of the GDPR apply to images and videos taken for educational purposes.

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1. The Headteacher is responsible for:

- Submitting consent forms to parents at the beginning of the academic year with regards to photographs and videos being taken whilst at school.
- Ensuring that all photos and videos are stored and disposed of correctly, in line with the GDPR.

- Deciding whether parents are permitted to take photographs and videos during school events.
- Communicating this policy to all the relevant staff members and the wider school community, such as parents.

3.2. The designated safeguarding lead (DSL) is responsible for:

- Liaising with social workers to gain consent for photography and videos of LAC pupils.
- Liaising with the data protection officer (DPO), to ensure there are no data protection breaches.
- Informing the Headteacher of any known changes to a pupil's security, e.g. child protection concerns, which would mean that participating in photography and video recordings would put them at significant risk.

3.3. Parents are responsible for:

- Completing the Consent Form on an annual basis.
- Informing the school in writing where there are any changes to their consent.
- Acting in accordance with this policy.

3.4. In accordance with the school's requirements to have a Data Protection Officer (DPO), the DPO is responsible for:

- Informing and advising the school and its employees about their obligations to comply with the GDPR and specifically in line with this policy, to advise in relation to photographs and videos at school.
- Monitoring the school's compliance with the GDPR including the processing of photographs and videos.
- Advising on data protection impact assessments in relation to photographs and videos at school.
- Conducting internal audits, in regard to the school's procedures for obtaining, processing and using photographs and videos.
- Providing the required training to staff members, in relation to how the GDPR impacts photographs and videos at school.

4. Parental consent

4.1. The school understands that consent must be a positive indication. It cannot be inferred from silence, inactivity or pre-ticked boxes.

4.2. Consent will only be accepted where it is freely given, specific, informed and an unambiguous indication of the individual's wishes.

4.3. Where consent is given, a record will be kept documenting how and when consent was given and last updated.

4.4. The school ensures that consent mechanisms meet the standards of the GDPR. Where the standard of consent cannot be met the processing will cease.

4.5. Where a child is under the age of 16, the consent of parents will be sought prior to the processing of their data, except where the processing is related to preventative or counselling services offered directly to a child.

4.6. For photographs and videos used for educational purposes, students aged 13 and over (with the exception of those considered to be unable to understand the implications of consent) will be permitted to provide consent to the processing of their data.

4.7. All parents will be asked to complete a Consent Form on an annual basis, which will determine whether or not they allow their child to participate in photographs and videos (excluding those used for the MIS system or educational purposes).

4.8. The Consent Form will be valid for the full academic year, unless the pupil's circumstances change in any way, e.g. if their parents separate, or consent is withdrawn. Additional consent forms will be required if the pupil's circumstances change.

4.9. If there is a disagreement over consent, or if a parent does not respond to a consent request, it will be treated as if consent has not been given, and photographs and videos will not be taken or published of the pupil whose parents have not consented.

4.10. All parents are entitled to withdraw or change their consent at any time during the school year.

4.11. Parents will be required to specifically confirm on the Consent Form, that they will notify the school if their child's circumstances change in any way, or if they wish to withdraw their consent.

4.12. For any Looked After Children (LAC) pupils, or pupils who are adopted, the DSL will liaise with the pupil's social worker, carers or adoptive parents to establish where consent should be sought. Consideration will be given as to whether identification of an LAC pupil, or pupils who are adopted, would risk their security in any way.

4.13. Consideration will also be given to any pupils for whom child protection concerns have been raised. Should the DSL believe that taking photographs and videos of any pupils would put their security at further risk, greater care will be taken towards protecting their identity.

4.14. A list of all the names of pupils for whom consent was not given will be created by through the admin team and DPO. This will be monitored and checked by the DPO on a termly basis and will be circulated to all staff members annually or when there have been changes. This list will be updated annually, when new consent forms are provided.

4.15. If any parent withdraws or changes their consent, or the DSL reports any changes to a pupil's security risk, or there are any other changes to consent, the list will also be updated and re-circulated.

5. General procedures

5.1. Photographs and videos of pupils will be carefully planned before any activity.

5.2. The DPO will be consulted in the planning of any events where photographs and videos will be taken.

5.3. Where photographs and videos will involve LAC pupils, adopted pupils, or pupils for whom there are security concerns, the trip leader will liaise with the DSL to determine the steps involved.

5.4. When organising photography and videos of pupils, the Headteacher and DPO, as well as any other staff members involved, will consider the following:

- Can general shots of classrooms or group activities, rather than individual shots of pupils, be used to fulfil the same purpose?
- Could the camera angle be amended in any way to avoid pupils being identified?
- Could the photograph be blurred to remove identity of any pupils?
- Will pupils be suitably dressed to be photographed and videoed?
- Would it be appropriate to edit the photos or videos in any way? E.g. to remove logos which may identify pupils?
- Are the photographs and videos of the pupils completely necessary, or could alternative methods be used for the same purpose? E.g. could an article be illustrated by pupils' work rather than images or videos of the pupils themselves?

5.5. The list of all pupils of whom photographs and videos must not be taken will be checked prior to any photographed activity. Only pupils for whom consent have been given will be photographed.

5.6. The staff members involved, alongside the Headteacher and DPO, will liaise with the DSL if any LAC pupil, adopted pupil, or a pupil for whom there are security concerns is involved. (see section 6 of this policy)

5.7. School equipment (including ipads) can be used to take photographs and videos of pupils. Exceptions to this are outlined in section 7 of this policy.

5.8. Staff will ensure that all pupils are suitably dressed before taking any photographs or videos.

5.9. Where possible, staff will avoid identifying pupils. If names are required, only first names will be used.

5.10. The school will not use images or footage of any pupil who is subject to a court order.

5.11. The school will not use photographs of children or staff members who have left the school, without parental or staff consent.

5.12. Photos and videos that may cause any distress, upset or embarrassment will not be used and will be removed and deleted upon request.

5.13. Any concern relating to inappropriate or intrusive photography or publication of content is to be reported to the DPO immediately.

6. Additional safeguarding procedures

6.1. The school understands that certain circumstances may put a pupil's security at greater risk and, thus, may mean extra precautions are required to protect their identity.

6.2. The DSL will, in known cases of a pupil who is a LAC or who has been adopted, liaise with the pupil's social worker, carers or adoptive parents to assess the needs and risks associated with the pupil.

6.3. Any measures required will be determined between the DSL, social worker, carers, DPO and adoptive parents with a view to minimise any impact on the pupil's day-to-day life. The measures implemented may include the following provisions:

- Photos and videos can be taken as per usual school procedures.
- Photos and videos can be taken within school for educational purposes and official school use, e.g. on MIS system, but cannot be published online or in external media.
- No photos or videos can be taken at any time, for any purposes.

6.4. Any outcomes will be communicated to all staff members via email and the list outlining which pupils are not to be involved in any videos or photographs, held in the school office, will be updated accordingly.

7. School-owned devices

7.1. Staff are encouraged to take photos and videos of pupils using school equipment; however, staff may use other equipment, such as school-owned mobile devices, where the DPO has been consulted and consent has been sought from the Headteacher prior to the activity.

7.2. Where school-owned devices are used, images and videos will be provided to the school at the earliest opportunity and removed from any other devices.

7.3. Staff will not use their personal mobile phones, or any other personal device, to take images and videos of pupils.

7.4. Photographs and videos taken by staff members on school visits may be used for educational purposes, e.g. on displays or to illustrate the work of the school, where consent has been obtained.

7.5. Digital photographs and videos held on the school's cloud or networking drive are accessible to staff only. Photographs and videos are stored in labelled files and are only identifiable by year group/class number – no student names are associated with images and videos.

8. Use of a professional photographer

8.1. If the school decides to use a professional photographer for official school photos and school events, the Headteacher will:

- Provide a clear brief for the photographer about what is considered appropriate, in terms of both content and behaviour.
- Issue the photographer with identification, which must be worn at all times.
- Let pupils and parents know that a photographer will be in attendance at an event and ensure they have previously provided consent to both the taking and publication of videos or photographs.
- Not allow unsupervised access to pupils or one-to-one photo sessions at events.
- Communicate to the photographer that the material may only be used for the school's own purposes and that permission has not been given to use the photographs for any other purpose.
- Ensure that the photographer will comply with the requirements set out in GDPR.
- Ensure that if another individual, such as a parent or governor, is nominated to be the photographer, they are clear that the images or videos are not used for any other anything other than the purpose indicated by the school.

9. Permissible photography and videos during school events

9.1. If the headteacher permits parents to take photographs or videos during a school event, parents will:

- Remain seated while taking photographs or videos during concerts, performances and other events.
- In the case of all school events, make the focus of any photographs or videos their own children.
- Advise parents that any images and recordings taken at school events should be used exclusively for personal use and explain that these should not be uploaded to the internet, posted on social networking sites or openly shared in other ways.
- Stop taking photographs and/or videos if and when requested to do so by staff.

10. Storage and retention

10.1. Images obtained by the school will not be kept for longer than necessary and in line with the school's retention procedures.

10.2. Hard copies of photos and video recordings held by the school will be stored in line with retention procedures. They will not be used other than for their original purpose, unless permission is sought from the Headteacher and parents of the pupils involved and the DPO has been consulted.

10.3. Paper documents will be shredded or pulped, and electronic memories scrubbed clean or destroyed, once the data should no longer be retained.

10.4. The DPO will review stored images and videos on a termly basis to ensure that all unwanted material has been deleted.

10.5. Parents must inform the school in writing where they wish to withdraw or change their consent. If they do so, any related imagery and videos involving their children will be removed from the school drive immediately.

10.6. When a parent withdraws consent, it will not affect the use of any images or videos for which consent had already been obtained. Withdrawal of consent will only affect further processing.

10.7. Where a pupil's security risk has changed, the DSL will inform the Headteacher immediately. If required, any related imagery and videos involving the pupil will be removed from the school drive immediately. Hard copies will be removed by returning to their parents or by shredding, as appropriate.

10.8. Official school photos are held on the school's management information system alongside other personal information and are retained for the length of the pupil's attendance at the school, and in line with the school's retention policy (5 years as of <<specify date>>).

11. Monitoring and review

11.1. This policy will be reviewed on annually until 2019 then every two years by the CEO and the DPO. The next scheduled review date for this policy is September 2024.

11.2. Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all staff members and, where appropriate, parents.

Consent Form

This form explains the reasons why and how the Pennine Trust may use images and videos of your child. Please read the form thoroughly and outline your agreement as appropriate.

Name of Student:	
Name (s) of parents:	
Year Group:	
House Name:	

Why do we need your consent?

The Pennine Trust requests the consent of parents on an annual basis to use images and videos of their child for a variety of different purposes.

Without your consent, the school will not use images and videos of your child. Similarly, if there are only certain conditions under which you would like images and videos of your child to be used, the school will abide by the conditions you outline in this form.

Why do you we use images and videos of your child?

The Pennine Trust uses images and videos of pupils as part of school displays to celebrate school life and pupils' achievements; to promote the school on social media and on the school's and trust's website; and for other publicity purposes in printed publications, such as newspapers.

Where the school uses images of individual pupils, the name of the pupil will not be disclosed. Where an individual pupil is named in a written publication, a photograph of the pupil will not be used to accompany the text.

If, for example, a pupil has won an award and their parent would like their name to be published alongside their image, separate consent will be obtained prior to this.

Pennine Trust may take images or videos of individual pupils and groups of pupils to use on social media, the school and trust website, in school and trust prospectuses and other printed publications, such as a newsletter.

Who else uses images and videos of your child?

It is common that the school is visited by local media and press, who take images or videos of school events, such as sports days. Pupils will appear in these images and videos, and these may be published in local or national newspapers, or on approved websites.

The following organisations may use images and videos of your children whilst a student from within The Pennine Trust:

- SIMS and Bromcom MIS System and LCR Cashless Catering System.

Where any organisations other than those above intend to use images or videos of your child, additional consent will be sought before any image or video is used.

What are the conditions of use?

This consent form is valid from <<Insert date>> to <<insert date>> and for the <<insert academic year>> academic year.

It is the responsibility of parents to inform the school, in writing, if consent needs to be withdrawn or amended following initial consent.

- The school will not use the personal details or full names of any pupil in an image or video, on our website, in our school prospectuses or any other printed publications without specific consent.
- The school will not include personal emails or postal addresses, telephone or fax numbers on images or videos on our website, in our school prospectuses or any other printed publications (other than school staff emails).
- The school may use pictures of pupils and teachers that have been drawn in the course of educational work, by pupils.
- The school may use work created by pupils.
- The school may use group or class images or videos with general labels, e.g. 'sports day'.
- The school will only use images and videos of pupils who are suitably dressed, i.e. it would not be suitable to display an image of a pupil in swimwear.
- The school may take class images of your child which are available to purchase annually.

Providing your consent

Please read the following conditions thoroughly and provide your consent as appropriate by ticking either 'Yes' or 'No' for each criteria.

The school will only publish images and videos of your child for the conditions that you provide consent for.

I provide consent for:	Yes	No
Photographing or videoing my child		
Using images of my child on the school website		
Using the images of my child on the Trust website		
Using the videos of my child on the school website		
Using the videos of my child on the Trust website		
Using images of my child on social media, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter • Facebook • Instagram 		
Using videos of my child on social media, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter • Facebook • Instagram 		
Use of images or videos of my child on social media may only be used with Specific Consent, in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter • Facebook • Instagram 		
Using images of my child in marketing material, e.g. the school or trust brochure and prospectus.		
Sharing my child's data with a school-appointed external photography company for official school images. This includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Class • Roll number 		

Updating your consent

This form is valid from <<Insert date>> until <<Insert date>> and the entire academic year, <Insert academic year>>. Consent will be updated on an annual basis <<Insert year>> onwards. Parents are required to fill in a new form for their child every academic year following.

Consent will also be refreshed where any changes to circumstances occur – this may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- New requirements for consent, e.g. an additional social media account will be used to share pupil images and videos.
- Changes to a pupil's circumstances, e.g. safeguarding requirements mean a pupil's image cannot be used.
- Changes to parental consent, e.g. amending the provisions for which consent has been provided for

Where you would like to amend the provisions for which consent has been provided, you must submit your request in writing to the Headteacher or DPO. A new form will be supplied to you to amend your consent accordingly and provide a signature.

Withdrawing your consent

Parents have the right to withdraw their consent at any time. Withdrawing your consent cannot affect any images or videos that have been shared prior to withdrawal. The school will remove any images taken before consent is removed where possible. The school holds no responsibility for images of students that have been used with prior consent. Parents are reminded that once an image has been used in a media outlet, it may have gone viral.

If you would like to withdraw your consent, you must submit your request in writing to the Headteacher.

Declaration

I, _____ (name of parent), understand:

- Why my consent is required.
- The reasons why the Pennine Trust uses images and videos of my child.
- Which other organisations may use images and videos of my child.
- The conditions under which the school uses images and videos of my child.
- I have provided my consent above as appropriate, and the school will use images and videos of my child in line with my requirements.
- Consent is updated on an annual basis, and I must re-provide consent if I consent to images and videos of my child being used in other academic years.
- I will be required to re-provide consent where any circumstances change.
- I can amend or withdraw my consent at any time and must do so in writing to the Headteacher, and this will not have any detrimental effect on my child.

Name of parent: _____

Name of Student: _____

School House Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions regarding this form, please do not hesitate to contact the DPO at GDPRenquiries@penninetrust.org or 01282 508624.