

The Old Borough National School Policy on the Photographing of Pupils



In recent years, it has become evident that the identification of children in photographs may have negative consequences and may become a child protection issue. Individuals may use the identity of a pupil and the link to a particular location as an opportunity to meet the child for inappropriate purposes.

Below is the protocol adopted by The Old Borough School in photographing pupils:

- Parental permission will be sought, on starting school, to take, store and display photos of pupils within the school environment;
- Individual children's names will not be published with photographs on the school website;
- Visiting organisations e.g. local newspapers, sports clubs, Swords Credit Union etc. will be made aware of this policy of non-disclosure of names;
- The taking of images or videos by parents/guardians or family members must be limited to their own child/ren. Images of pupils in uniform should not be uploaded to any social media site;
- The use of camera phones by pupils is not permitted in school during the school day, in the school grounds or at any school-related activity;
- On occasion, staff may take photos of pupils for school-related activities only.

Ratified by the Board of Management

Chairperson: Diana Cuspi

Date: 1st October 2025