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Dear Families,

Subject: Photo and Video Not Permitted During Productions

I am writing to inform you of an important change to our procedures for all of our school productions: with immediate effect, parents and carers are kindly requested not to take photographs or record video during any performances. This decision has been reached after careful consideration of several factors, foremost among them the wellbeing, dignity and privacy of our children, together with safeguarding considerations and the need to ensure an inclusive, disruption-free environment in which every child can participate with confidence.

We appreciate that family members wish to capture special moments; to meet that desire whilst upholding our responsibilities, our school will take a selection of photographs during each production. These images will be uploaded by staff and shared with families via Tapestry. Sharing via this secure platform allows us to present representative images that protect individual pupils' privacy preferences and maintain safeguarding protocols, whilst ensuring that parents and carers receive memorable, appropriate snapshots of the occasion.

Please note the practical reasons underpinning this approach: handheld devices and cameras can distract performers and audience members, can inadvertently record children whose parents have requested no images be taken, and can compromise the overall atmosphere of the event. By centralising photography, we reduce disruption, respect the wishes of all families, and better control how the images are shared.

We recognise and value the importance of family memories and are committed to providing timely access to photographs on Tapestry following each production. If you have a specific concern regarding photography or the sharing of images of your child, please contact the school office in writing so that we can ensure your preferences are fully respected.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we implement this measure to safeguard and support every child's experience. We know that with your support we will continue to celebrate our children's achievements in a manner that is considerate, secure and dignified.

With best wishes,

Katherine Donlon
Head Teacher

