

Photograph Policy

Children deserve to be protected from the misuse of photographic and video images whilst at the Service. Our Service will use photographs of children to support their learning and record individual developmental progress.

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD (NQS)

QUALITY AREA 2: CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY		
2.2	Safety	Each child is protected.
2.2.1	Supervision	At all times, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision ensure children are protected from harm and hazard.

QUALITY AREA 5: RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHILDREN		
5.1.2	Dignity and rights of the child	The dignity and rights of every child are maintained.

QUALITY AREA 6: COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES		
6.1.2	Parent views are respected	The expertise, culture, values and beliefs of families are respected, and families share in decision-making about their child's learning and wellbeing.

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL REGULATIONS

181	Confidentiality of records kept by approved provider
181-184	Confidentiality and storage of records

PURPOSE

We aim to ensure the privacy of children and families are respected and maintained at times when Educators, Staff and students take photographs.

SCOPE

This policy applies to children, families, staff, management, and visitors of the Service.

IMPLEMENTATION

The displaying of photos allows children to see themselves at play, are a topic of conversation for children and parents, allow families to see their child at play and convey the message to children that what they are doing is important. However, we do respect the rights of all children and families to privacy.

To ensure we are maintaining children's safety and respecting their right to privacy we will see that:

- Every child in our care is protected from the exploitation of photographic and video images of themselves taken whilst they attend the Service.
- That photographs taken by Educators support the children's learning and record children's individual progress.
- Photographs recorded at the Service as part of a normal day are taken using OSCAs iPhone and are only taken by Educators.
- Photographs/videos are taken to:
 - Support the learning of each child's individual record
 - Illustrate work on display around the Service's environment
- We will ensure that the children of parents/guardians who do not wish their child to be photographed or videoed are provided with other activities.
- At no time are staff permitted to bring in a camera from home.
- Families need to tick the appropriate box upon filling out the enrolment form:
 - I give / do not give permission for photos of my child participating in group activities to be displayed on OSCA's website and Instagram account

Source

Child Protection Act, 1998.

Education and Care Services National Regulations. (2011).

Guide to the National Quality Standard. (2017).

Revised National Quality Standards. (2018).

Review

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