Guidance for Parents taking photographs and filming at School Productions and Events

We stage numerous school events and know some parents/carers like to take photographs/videos of the Christmas productions.

As you know we have a policy in place with regards to the taking, making and use of images and you will have previously signed a consent form stating whether or not your child could be photographed.

If you wish to take photos at the production there is a strong possibility that other children will also be included within the picture.

At Oreston Community Academy we are happy for parents and carers to take **photos and video of events for personal use** but we request that these images are not distributed or put online. This is to protect all members of the community.

We all enjoy and treasure images of our family and friends; family events, holidays and events are moments we all like to capture in photos or on video.

We must however ensure we protect and safeguard all children and staff, including those who do not want to have their images stored online.

Please be aware that parents are not permitted to take photographs or to make a video recording for anything other than their own personal use.

• Once posted and shared online any image or video can be copied and will stay online forever.

• Some children are at risk and <u>MUST NOT</u> have their image put online. Not all members of the community will know who they are.

• Some people do not want their images online for personal or religious reasons.

• Some children and staff may have a complex family background which means that sharing their image online can have unforeseen consequences.

Therefore in order to keep all members of the community safe we must not post videos and photographs online which include other children or adults from the school community.

We will ensure that there is sufficient time for parents to approach the stage after the Christmas performances and take photographs of their own children for their own personal use.

Thank you