



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

Friday 5 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to Photo Consent from January 2026

At St Peter's, we are committed to ensuring that our systems are clear, accessible and support our school vision of *Love Learn Shine*. As part of this commitment, we are making photo consent simpler from 1 January 2026 to make things clearer for families and staff.

Right now, there are eight different options, which we know can be confusing. From January 2026 there will be just four easy choices to Consent to / Decline:

1. **No photos.** Your child will not appear in any photos taken by the school.
2. **Professional Individual photo only.** Professional Individual photos taken annually and shared directly to the individual child's parents / carers by the Professional photographer's website. Photo will be used on our school Management Information System (MIS) which is Arbor and used by school directly with the individual child's parents / carers, for example on the front cover of your child's school reports.
3. **Professional annual class photo.** Your child will appear in the annual class photo which will be shared with all parents in the class via the professional photographer's website.
4. **External and internal publication.** Photos may appear in printed format around school, on our website, in newsletters, social media, or local press (children will never be named).

What you need to do:

Please update your child's photo consents in Arbor. You will be able to Consent to / Decline more than one category. If you have not Consented / Declined to these by Tuesday 6 January, we'll assume no consent, and your child won't be included in any photos. This may mean they are not included in individual or class photos. All existing photo consents will be archived at the end of term on Friday 19 December 2025 and the new consent categories will become available at this time.

Please keep in mind, once a photo is published online (for example, on our school website), it can be shared by others on social media or other platforms. We take safeguarding and data protection very seriously, and these new categories are designed to give you clearer control over how your child's image is used.

We understand some families may prefer not to share photos publicly, and that's absolutely fine. Please be reassured that we'll continue to share regular updates about school life and celebrations, including photos that capture the spirit of events - while making sure children without consent are never included in any published images.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or concerns, you are very welcome to get in touch via admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or by calling our friendly office team on 01423 569684. Unless your query is time-critical, email is the best way to reach us.

Best wishes,

Mr Griffiths – Headteacher

Photo Consent Changes – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Why are you changing the photo consent categories?

To make things simpler and clearer for families and staff, and to ensure we use images safely and consistently.

2. What happens if I don't respond?

If you have not consented to / declined these consent categories, we'll assume you do not give consent. Your child won't appear in any photos, including class or individual pictures.

3. Can I change my consent later?

Yes. You can update your child's photo consent anytime via Arbor. Changes apply from the date you make them.

4. Will my child's name ever be published with their photo?

No. We never publish children's names alongside their photos.

5. What if I want to give consent for some categories but not others?

You can Consent or Decline the categories that best reflects your preferences. If you're unsure which category to select, please contact the school office for guidance. Email admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or call 01423 569684.

6. How do I update my child's photo consent?

Log in to your Arbor parent portal or app, go to your child's profile, and update the photo consent section. If you need help, contact the school office.