

Photography and Filming Statement

We recognise that:

- sharing photographs and films of our activities can help us celebrate the successes and achievements of our children and young people, provide a record of our activities and raise awareness of our organisation.
- the welfare of the children and young people taking part in our activities is paramount.
- children, their parents and carers have a right to decide whether their images are taken and how these may be used.
- consent to take images of children is only meaningful when children, their parents and carers understand how the images will be used, and are fully aware of the potential risks associated with the use and distribution of these images.
- there are potential risks associated with sharing images of children online.

We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- asking for written consent from a child and their parents or carers before taking and using a child's image – this consent is asked for on the enrolment form during the sign-up process. Consent can be changed at any time by contacting info@fortitude-ilminster.co.uk.
- making it clear that if a child or their family withdraw consent for an image to be shared, it may not be possible to delete images that have already been shared or published.
- only using the first names of children whose images are being used in our published material.
- never publishing personal information about individual children and disguising any identifying information (for example the name of their school or a school uniform with a logo)
- reducing the risk of images being copied and used inappropriately by:
 - only using images of children in appropriate clothing
 - using images that positively reflect young people's involvement in the activity.

If you need to report the abuse or misuse of images of children, please contact our Safeguarding lead on info@fortitude-ilminster.co.uk.

Photography and/or filming for personal use

When children themselves, parents, carers or spectators are taking photographs or filming at our events and the images are for personal use, we will publish guidance about image sharing in the event programmes and/or announce details of our photography policy before the start of the event. This includes:

- asking for photos taken during the event not to be shared on social media or asking people to gain permission from children, their parents and carers before sharing photographs and videos that include them.
- recommending that people check the privacy settings of their social media account to understand who else will be able to view any images they share.
- reminding children, parents and carers who they can talk to if they have any concerns about images being shared.

If we hire a photographer for one of our events, we will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- providing the photographer with a clear brief about appropriate content and behaviour.
- ensuring the photographer wears identification at all times.
- informing children, their parents and carers that a photographer will be at the event and ensuring they give written consent to images which feature their child being taken and shared.
- not allowing the photographer to have unsupervised access to children.
- reporting concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography.

If consent to take photographs is not given

If children, parents and/or carers do not consent to photographs being taken, we will respect their wishes. We will agree in advance how they would like to be identified so the photographer knows not to take pictures of them, and ensure this is done in a way that does not single out the child or make them feel isolated.

We will never exclude a child from an activity because we do not have consent to take their photograph.