



Policy on Photography and Filming of Children and Vulnerable Adults

At River Church we believe that children and young people should never suffer abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people and to take, share and use images of children safely.

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. However, the welfare of the children and young people taking part in our activities is always paramount. Children, their parents and carers have a right to decide if and how these may be used.

Procedures on Photography and Filming of Children and Young people

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

1. Asking parents/carers for written consent before using photos of their child/ren.
2. Parents who do not want their children photographed must inform the leadership team. River Church will keep a central record of people who do not want to be photographed.
3. Always explaining what images will be used for, how they will be stored and what potential risks are associated with sharing images of children.
4. Not identifying individual children by name in any publications.
5. Any person wishing to take photos/videos must obtain permission from the leadership team.
6. Reporting any misuse of images that comes to our attention.
7. A slide will be shown at every public meeting stating the policy: **No photography is allowed accept by prior permission. This is for the protection of children and vulnerable adults. If you do not want your child/vulnerable adult to be photographed please inform the leadership team.**
8. We will store photographs and videos of children securely, in accordance with our safeguarding policy and data protection law.

We recognise the prevailing culture that children themselves, parents, carers or spectators may take photographs or film at our events. Those images are for their personal use and are therefore not the responsibility of River Church nor under its control.