

# Newsham Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

During the school year our pupils often go on a number of school visits. For each of these visits we ask for parental consent. On occasions we are finding it is very time consuming obtaining consent from the very few forms that are not returned to school.

We also ask for parental consent to use photographs of pupils on relevant occasions such as in newspaper articles, the school brochure, school displays or on the school website. Again, it often takes up much time contacting parents to get this consent.

In addition to this we also require parental consent for pupils to access the internet in school. We have an Internet Access Policy which details the measures we take to protect our children from inadvertently viewing any unsuitable material on the internet -this is available on request for parents to view. Our pupils also annually complete a refresher activity to promote safe use of the internet.

We are proposing that parents are now asked to complete an annual 'blanket' consent form that gives permission for your child to take part in local visits throughout the year, be part of school photos without asking for further consent and to use the internet without the need for any further consent. Teachers will still inform you in writing to advise you of dates and details of visits. All visits will continue to be conducted following strict health and safety guidelines including risk assessment and simple consent forms may be required where a voluntary contribution is requested. We do urge you to contact the school if you have any concerns about the details of any visit.

We would really appreciate your support with this matter and ask that you complete and return **the attached SV5 form and the below 'blanket' consent form to school as soon as possible.**

Thank you for your co-operation  
Mrs. AM Armstrong

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## Annual 'Blanket' Consent for School Visits, Photographs and Internet use - 2009-10

I give my permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ to:

- attend local school visits;

Such as walks in the local area, visits to other schools, visits to the sports centre, visits to other local establishments (eg churches, sheltered accommodation). These visits may include travel on a fully seatbelted bus with qualified driver.

- be included in photographs linked to school;

We aim not to use individual pupil names in photographs wherever possible - please let us know if you specifically do not want your child's name to be used with any photograph.

- Use the internet in school

Internet usage in the school is carefully monitored and a filtering system is in place

....during this school year without further consent.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date \_\_\_\_\_