

# Policy on photography and publicity

## Our **POLICY STATEMENT** on photography, on the Internet and for publicity ...

At Frodsham Methodist Church we take the issue of child safety very seriously, and this includes the use of images of children.

We regularly include images of children and young people in publications and on our website, but we have a duty of care which means that the information we give is limited, reducing the risk of inappropriate contact.

We ask that parents give consent, usually at the time when their children enrol or register to join our clubs or groups, for the church to take and use photographs and images of their children. This is on the understanding that any use of images at Frodsham Methodist Church is underpinned by our Safeguarding Policy.

We will never include the name, age, postal address, e-mail address or telephone number of a child alongside an image.

In accordance with The Methodist Church guidelines, notices will be displayed prominently with the heading "**Photography**" and stating:

*Photographs taken on these premises are for possible use in our church magazine, on the church website or in our publicity material. The Methodist Church will take all steps to ensure that these images are used solely for the promotion and celebration of the Methodist Church and its clubs and groups.*

If you become aware that these images are being used inappropriately please inform a Church steward or officer as soon as possible.

If you would prefer that your child's photograph is not taken and used for these purposes, please advise the Minister in writing.