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19th June, 2019

Dear Parents,

Please find below a letter from Jason Ferguson, who is a member of a film crew working for The Garden Productions.

Jason has been in touch with me asking if it is possible for his team to film one of our families at this week's Sports Day, and after extensive discussions with Jason, I have agreed to allow this. Jason has provided details to me about the protocols that are in place when filming in situations like this, and the ways in which they work to safeguard all our children and their families, and I am confident that the filming can take place with limited risk to others. The filming will be conducted at a distant, so should not become intrusive and hopefully we will barely notice that the team is there. I am assured that where other children might be filmed, this will only be with them in the background (therefore faces will be blurred/out of focus) or backs of heads only – where a child could be identified, consent will be sought. I have been provided with copies of all DBS checks and clearances, and have spoken with staff regarding general management issues.

I think it's lovely that we can support one of our families with this adventure, and I'm looking forward to watching their special story when it is broadcast in the future (I will let you know when!). Should you have any concerns or queries about this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With best wishes,

Maria Soulsby
Head Teacher

Sports day filming at St James' Primary School Friday 21st June

To whom it may concern,

The Garden Productions are currently filming a documentary about families from across the UK during the first couple weeks of their baby's life. One of the families that we are following has children that attend St James School and we would like to film them at the sports day event this coming Friday 22nd June.



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We are a very small team and our main objective is to expressly be filming only with that family and their children at this event.

We have strict protocols and safe guarding when it comes to filming minors and would never do so without parental consent. The focus is solely on our subject family.

If, however, there was a need for additional filming from other attendees we would ask for your permission both verbally and via documentation at the point of filming and would never do so without prior consent.

About us

Here at The Garden we are best known for making Channel 4's award-winning series '24 Hours in A&E' and also made BBC2's documentary series 'The Midwives'. We specialise in making intelligent and thoughtful documentaries.

As our work suggests, we're incredibly experienced in finding relevant and heart-warming ways to explore the human condition and always have a sensitive and intelligent way to express these stories through film. This series will follow that tradition.

We adhere to strict protocols and therefore filming would take place with and focussed upon those involved in sessions where we have appropriately agreed informed consent before hand. We would not deliberately film anyone without their prior consent and we would need to have informed consent from any young person, and where under 18, from their parent or guardian, in order to use any material of them in the broadcast programme.

If you would like any further information please feel free to come and speak to a member of the film crew on the day or send an email to Jason.Ferguson@thegardenproductions.tv, we will be more than happy to talk through any concerns or questions you may have.

