

# Oaklands Infant and Junior Schools

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to just clarify any confusion with regards to the change in process for sibling photos.

In previous years, we did arrange for all siblings to be photographed during the school day. However, this process took a significant amount of time, often more than two hours, which resulted in children missing both lesson and playtime. Some children, particularly the younger ones had a long waiting time and became restless and distressed. In addition, many families did not wish to have sibling photographs taken, yet every sibling group was still brought together. We also received requests to include pre-school siblings and even cousins, which we were unfortunately unable to accommodate within the school setting.

To prevent disruption to learning and ensure the day runs smoothly, we have had to make changes this year. We understand that this may be disappointing for some families, especially where parents are unable to attend in person, but unfortunately, we are not in a position to organise sibling groupings during the school day as before.

To clarify:

- 2 photographers to speed up the process.
- Photographs will be taken from 8-8:40am.
- If you are still in the queue at 8:40 staff will take over the process with your children and get them back to class.
- If your child is at Beehive or a morning club and you want a sibling photo, please contact the office.
- If you are unable to attend this sibling photo, there will be another option in the summer term.
- Gives you the option to bring pre-schooler siblings if you wish.

We very much appreciate your understanding, and we are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours faithfully,

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