

Dear parents and Carers: Year 4 have been selected to take part in an exciting project. Please read this letter carefully as it will require your consent which we will ask for in due course via text message.

If you are happy for your child to take part, please pass this on to them.

The deadline for this project is: Thursday 21 January 2021.

(Please note that this project is optional)

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Lockdown Kids' Photography project for The Guardian newspaper

Your class has been chosen to take part in an exciting photography project! This week you are all photographers. We want to see what your world looks like at the moment. Who do you spend your time with? Where do you do your school work? What do you do for fun? There will be a few other schools around the country doing the same project as you.

Please follow the instructions below. Once we have all of the images from your class, they will be put into a slideshow which your teacher can share with you. You can then look at the pictures as a class and show your classmates some of the things you have been doing. You will get to see what your friends have been doing too! Some of you may be doing this project at school and others will be doing it at home.

All of the photos will be sent to The Guardian newspaper. The Guardian will choose a selection of the pictures to print in the Weekend magazine. Unfortunately, there won't be space to include all of your work in the newspaper, but everyone's pictures are important to help us with new ways to share how we are all learning right now, so please don't worry about being selected. Just enjoy the project, be creative and have fun!

What you will need for this project

For this project you **do not need a camera** but you can use one if you have one. You will need:

1. For taking photos: preferably a mobile phone, or otherwise an ipad or a simple camera (you may need to ask your parent or guardian to borrow one of these things)
2. A piece of paper and a pencil or a pen
3. A sense of imagination!

Please get all of this ready and then read on for more instructions

A few important tips before you get started

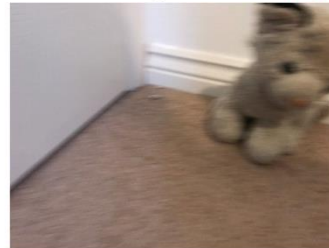
Have you ever thought about what makes a good photograph? There are a few things to think about when taking your photos that will help improve the quality of your pictures and make them better.

1. Hold your phone or camera steady when taking pictures. If you shake the camera around or move it while taking a photo, then the photo will become blurred. So, once you have decided what you want to take a picture of then make sure you are holding the camera still and firmly for the photos.

Still camera ✓



Shaking camera ✗



2. If you are photographing an object, then have a look at what else is around that object. Or if you are photographing a person, then look what is either side of them or behind them. You probably don't want your photo to look too cluttered!

Clear background ✓



Cluttered background ✗



3. Think about what angle you want to take your photos from. Some pictures will work best from your usual eye level. Others will be more interesting if you photograph them from above or below. Here are some photos taken with interesting camera angles.



4. Finally, light is very important when taking pictures. You want to use natural light as much as possible so you should take your pictures during the daytime and avoid using a flash. Never point your camera into the light. The source of light - the window, the door (or the sun if you are outdoors) - should be behind you or to the side of you when you take your photo, not in front of you

Picture taken into the light ❌



Picture taken with light behind the camera ✅



And now it's time to start your project...

Your project: "This is what school looks like for me in 2021"

There are some topics below. Please take pictures for each of these topics. You can take as many pictures as you like but we only want to see **one picture for each topic**. It will be up to you, the photographer, to choose your favourite photos to share. There are some photos included below which may give you some ideas of what to photograph if you are stuck but please be as creative as you want to be! And just to be clear, you can take as many pictures as you like.

Just a couple of things before you start:

- *Please take all pictures in colour (not black and white)*
- *Please don't include any old photos – all pictures must be from January 2021*
- *You should be supervised by an adult while whilst taking your photos*

So, now you can start taking photos for your first topic. Take your time, think it through, don't rush. Aim to spend at least 5 minutes on each topic. Here goes...

Topic one: This is who I am working with

Who sits with you or is in the room when you do your work? This could be your brother or sister, parent or guardian, your teacher or classmates, your pet or your favourite toy



Topic two: This is the view I can see of outside.

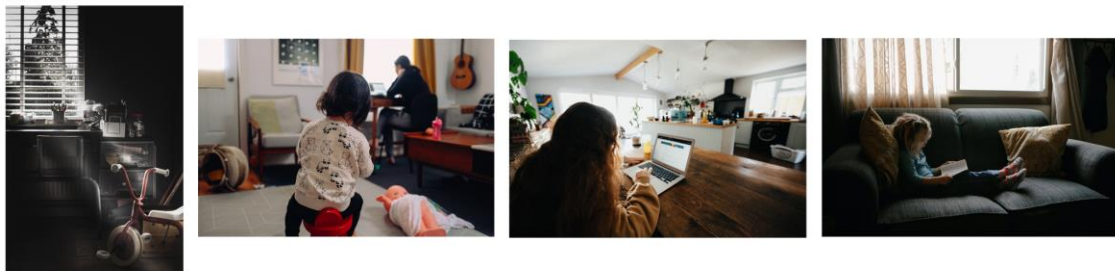
What can you see from your window or outside the front or back door?



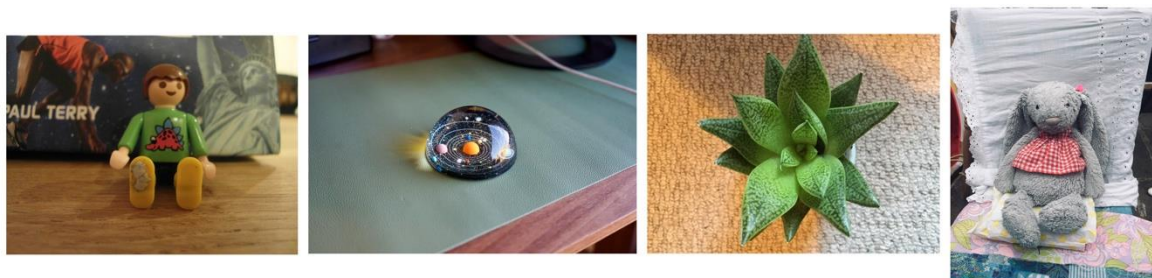
Topic three: "Fun" This is what I do for fun, either during the school day or on weekends. Even though you are all working really hard at the moment, it's important to have fun too! Show us what you like to do for fun. Photos for this topic could be taken outside, or inside. It could be an activity you enjoy, a game or a hobby. It could include your daily exercise or a member of your family. Just whatever you think is fun!



Topic four: This is where I work. Where do you usually sit when you do your school work and what can you see around you?



Topic five: This is an object I can see. Feel free to get creative with this one. We'd love to see some cool or exciting objects. Or something you may see every day but photographed from an unusual angle, like the plant below



When you have taken your pictures

When you have taken all your photos, have a look through at what you have taken. For each topic choose **just one** picture that is either your favourite or that you think works best for the theme. It is important that **YOU** choose your photos by yourself. You are the photographer after all!

And now for your pen and paper...

Once you have your five photos you will need to write a sentence about each one on a piece of paper. We want to hear a description of each photo or the reason you chose to photograph it. Please write the following on the piece of paper:

1. Your name (**first name only**)
2. Your age
3. Your school
4. A sentence on each of the photos you have chosen.

It will help to have your favourite photo for each topic in front of you when you write your sentence.

Here is an example to help you:

Sofia

age: 8

Birdwell School

1. When I work my sister is with me.
I chose this picture because she is cute and she is who I play with
2. The view in front of my house is a playground
3. For fun I like to play with my playmobil.
4. When I sit down for my work I see my living room and my garden.
5. My object is a balloon there are balloons in my house because it was my sister's birthday.

Once you have written all of this on the paper, then please take a photo of the piece of paper with your writing on it. If you are finding this tricky, then maybe ask an adult for help. Try to include the whole page in your picture

How to share your work

(An adult will need to help with this bit)

So, now you should have 5 photos (one for each topic) and another photo of your piece of paper – **6 photos in total**. Next you can use the link below to share your photos.

If you have taken photos on a mobile phone, then you can upload them directly from the phone using the link below. Otherwise, you will need to put them on to a computer and upload them using the link.

<https://u.pcloud.com/#page=puplink&code=ona7ZLgLRSGjugjuSiF7X8DvjHdVcbsk>

- Click on the link above
- Click on the plus sign. This will direct you to your phone's photo library (or computer library) from where you can select your six chosen pictures
- Write the child's **full name** into the box
- Click upload, and then wait to be told that files have been uploaded

If you are finding this really tricky and can't get it to work then you can email the pictures instead to guardianphotoproject@gmail.com. Uploading to the link is preferable though. Please include your **child's full name** and the **name of their school** in the email

Finally, and most importantly, we need permission from your parent or guardian

We will not be able to print any pictures in The Guardian without parental consent. Your school will be sharing a consent form with you very soon. Please ask your parent or guardian to fill in the form for you when they receive it.

Any questions?

If you are finding any of this tricky or you can't get the upload links or the form to work then please email your questions to: guardianphotoproject@gmail.com. You may not get an immediate response but I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Thank you and we can't wait to see your brilliant work! And most of all we hope that you have had lots of fun being photographers for the day