

PHOTOGRAPHING

CHILDREN & ACTIVITIES

Five Tips for Taking Better Photos in an Educational Setting



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CREATE A RELAXED ENVIRONMENT



Creating a comfortable and relaxed environment is crucial to capturing genuine and natural expressions from children. Interact with them in a playful manner, allow them to feel at ease around the camera. Avoid rushed or forced photo sessions. Let the children engage in activities as you capture candid moments.

GET DOWN TO THEIR LEVEL



Capture photos from a child's perspective. Physically lower yourself to their eye level as this creates a more authentic representation of their world. Being at their eye level also fosters a connection, as you demonstrate that you are engaging with them on their level.

USE NATURAL LIGHT



Utilise natural light sources, such as windows, or outdoor settings, to enhance the quality of your photos.

Natural light tends to be more flattering and softer, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere in the images. When outdoors, consider early morning or late afternoons when the sunlight is less harsh

BE PATIENT AND OBSERVANT



Some of the best shots come from being patient and observant. Wait for the right moments to unfold naturally, and be ready to capture them promptly. Watch for the magical interactions, smiles, and expressions that can truly convey the joy and wonder of the children's experiences

EMBRACE SPONTANEITY



Embrace the beauty of spontaneity and uniqueness in children's behaviour and activities. Rather than try to stage every shot, allow children to explore and interact naturally while you discreetly capture the moments. These authentic photos will reflect the children's personalities and make for more compelling images.

LET YOUR CAMERA BE THE STORY TELLER



By employing these tips, educators can improve the quality and the authenticity of their photographs, preserving moments and experiences in the lives of the children in their care.

Remember the goal is to capture the joy and curiosity of childhood in a way that brings a smile to the faces of parents and cherished memories for years to come.

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Alison's photography style revolves around capturing real moments and genuine interactions. When you choose Pen and Lens, you secure your centre's distinct identity, allowing parents, staff, and potential clients to connect with the heart of your centre through sincere and emotionally resonant images