MAGIC photography

FOR THE STAFF ROOM

5 tips for better photos *in ELC*

No fancy camera, no training day. Just five habits that make the photos you send families every day look their best.

1 Turn them towards the window.

Stand with the window behind **you**, not behind the child. Window light makes faces bright and soft. A child in front of a window turns into a dark shape.





2 Get down to their eye level.

Kneel or sit on the floor. From adult height you get the top of a head. From their level you get their face, and their world.





3 Wipe the lens.

Centre tablets live in busy rooms and small hands. One wipe on your sleeve fixes most "blurry" photos.





4 Don't get too close. Step back and zoom in a little.

Up close, a tablet's wide lens stretches noses and foreheads. Step back a metre and tap **2x**: faces look like themselves.





5 Photograph what they're doing, not a smile.

Skip "say cheese". Catch the paint on their hands and the tongue out while they concentrate. That's what families love, and it shows the learning.





! **One rule that isn't about photography.** Photos should be taken only on a service-owned or service-approved device, and only of children whose families have said yes.