Hello Parents and Guardians!

I am writing to request your consent to take photographs in the classroom for our class website, as well as possibly videos of classwork or of student participation in something called a Live Book Talk. No photos or videos will ever be taken without the students knowing, and no principal identifying markers will be published on the class website. At times, I may scan or photograph student work, at which time I will disguise the name of the student so that he or she may not be identified by an outside viewer.

**Photos and Videos will be used for:**

1. Our class website is [**www.bengals-english.weebly.com**](http://www.bengals-english.weebly.com)**.** We will use it to post cool or important updates of our work.
2. Students will also create their own websites, which they will share with you as soon as they are up. They will also be linked on our class website. **Please note: Student websites will be real, published websites, but they will be password-protected from the general public. No one outside of our class will be able to see the student websites without knowing the password.**
3. We may do Live Book Talks with other schools in the country. Here is how a Live Book Talk works:
4. We connect with the other class through a video call online.
5. We share books and questions, and they share books and questions.
6. The video call is recorded and posted on YouTube for other classes to watch and comment.
7. The video link is only available to other teachers and the comments are moderated by myself and the other participating teacher, so no rude comments or strangers are allowed.

I would never record a video or take a photo of your child without your consent. Even if your child is not the focus of a photo but will be sitting in the background, I would need your permission to record them.

Please check off the following according to your wishes:

**\*Please note: If you DO NOT want your child to participate, there will be NO NEGATIVE IMPACT on their grade because of it. I will not take points from your child’s grades.**

\_\_ I DO consent to allowing my child to participate in photos and videos for the purpose of the class website, student websites, and Live Book Talks.

\_\_ I DO NOT consent to allowing my child to participate in photos and videos for the purpose of the class website, student websites, and Live Book Talks.

**-Ms. Sweetwyne**

Please Print and Sign your Name:

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 Print Sign Date

*Questions? Write them here and I will send a note home with your child with my responses.*

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