

Photoshoots with kids

I aim to make shoots with children fun and creative, and for the child to enjoy being the centre of attention, and feel a real sense of accomplishment - as well as getting a great boost to their self esteem.

That's the main aim.

What follows from that is a happy child, and a very worthwhile set of photos, natural and unposed, featuring a selection of expressions and a lovely, lively personality.



Welsh break

Almost all parents enjoy a photoshoot during a weekend break to Pembrokeshire. In 2025, I've shared shoots with kids from Doncaster, Wigan, London, Bristol, Hertfordshire, East Sussex, Worcestershire, Leicestershire, and other distant places.

Shoots take place in my house and outdoors - weather dependent. Outdoor images may be in parkland, woodland or an urban setting. Indoors, against a backdrop for portraits (see facing page) and headshots, and around the house and garden. Usually, the child will be carrying out normal, everyday tasks.





Everyday tasks?

Well ... usually!

I always send a run-list in advance of a shoot, so that parents are agreeable with everything I suggest, and have time to add their own suggestions.

Parents are very welcome to make amendments, and make sure that their child is happy and comfortable with all ideas.

Sometimes, a bit of strangeness may creep in.





Clothing etc.

Outfits must be age and gender appropriate.

For Stock use, NO LOGOS and no obviously copyrighted items -
e.g. Nike 'Swoosh' or Adidas '3-stripes'

Children and their clothing should be clean and tidy.

Make-up should be minimal and natural-looking.





What else?

A positive can-do attitude
Lots of enthusiasm and energy
Er ... that's about it :)



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