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Question.....

It was my son's sports day today and like every other mum I took photos, only ones of him but obviously there's other kids in the background. Also did a short video of him skipping. I put these on Facebook so family that live far away can see etc and a text has come from school to all parents to say no photos etc to be put on social network sites of other people's children.

Answer given by a mum.....

You could have put a photograph of an adopted child up, who's birth family are not allowed to know where they are. You could have put a photo up of a child at risk of abduction, or a child who's family have a religious objection to photos, or a child in witness protection. Of course any of those possibilities could have massive legal implications for you, (as well as catastrophic consequences for the child or children involved) but any prosecution may not come from the school, in fact the school may also be open to prosecution. If the school is afraid of prosecution they could take a number of steps to enforce their removal, such as legal action of their own, banning you from the school site, or reporting you to the police for a breach of child protection regulations.