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Photography

FAMILY DOCUMENTARY SESSIONS



Client Guide 2026

Photos with a Difference

A documentary family session is a little different to a family portrait shoot or a lifestyle session. Think of it as the difference between a show home and a real family home. Show homes are lovely to look at, so beautifully arranged and co-ordinated, but they are completely lacking in character. That's because they are not real. They don't have a story to tell. My job is to tell the story of your family, not just to make you look neat and arranged!



Authentic Connections

A family session with me comes completely free-from fancy posing, awkward smiles, forced merriment and matching outfits.

Instead, I will find beauty in the littlest of things; the thoughtful gazes, the belly laughs, the tired tears, the small gestures and touches. Sticky faces, grubby feet, discarded toys and drawings on walls.

I will capture and preserve your family in all its unique beauty. When this moment is just a distant memory, you will have images that will take you back there in an instant.



Natural Moments

Even my shortest sessions allow for at least an hour or two. It can take that long for everyone to relax and start to be themselves, and that's when the magic happens!



Honest Emotions

One of the things that parents usually find really stressful about a conventional family session is the worry of whether their children will 'be good'. But you needn't worry, children will be children, and toddler tantrums, scraped knees, pouty faces, over-tired tears... that's all part of raising a family. Why would you want to forget about it?

Of course, we hope there will be lots of smiles, and giggles, and belly laughs, but those will happen naturally, as they do everyday. Let your children be themselves, and you will have true, beautiful little moments to look back on that reflect their wonderful, unique personalities. They will smile when they are ready, cry if they need to, be cheeky and crazy and sometimes just plain weird. And I promise you will look back at those photos and smile!



You deserve to be part of your family's story...

I often find there is one person in each family who is the 'recorder of memories'. This is the person who is always taking the photos, who orders prints, sends photos to friends and family. And often that person is the least comfortable in front of the camera!

If that is you... relax. You know how important it is to capture these memories. Don't overthink it, just be yourself. You might find it strange that I take a photo of you picking up socks, or wiping a sticky face, but those little moments are so easily lost when little people become big, independent people!

The Sessions

I offer three different sessions depending on the sort of images you would like to have captured...

Slice-of-Life	Memory Maker	The Full Story
Ideal for capturing a single family activity such as a meal or a walk, a small party, or a specific part of the day such as breakfast or bedtime.	If you would like to combine a few activities such as a meal, baking or games and time in the garden or at the playpark, this in an ideal length.	From wake-up until bedtime, capture it all! Meal times, trips out, playtime, bath and bedtime routines... Life as it really is!
Up to 2 hours	Up to 4 hours	Up to 8 hours
£230	£400	£560

A Slice-of-Life Session

For those who are new to documentary family photography and want to get an idea of how it all works. These sessions are also perfect if you have a specific activity in mind such as baking, board games, gardening, a family walk, storytime or a family meal from preparation to eating. Or you may want a special event or family tradition recorded in a unique way.

Includes:

- A gallery of carefully selected and hand edited images to download as high resolution files (Min of 60 images)

£230





Memory Maker Session

A more relaxed pace to capture the real character of your family life. Think lazy morning cuddles, bed hair, pyjamas, morning pancakes, getting everyone dressed and heading out to the playpark... OR Afternoon walks, board games, making and eating dinner, bubbly baths, bedtime stories and sleepy babies... You choose the time of day and the activities, I capture the magic!

Includes:

- A gallery of carefully selected and hand edited images to download as high resolution files (Min of 60 images)

£400

The Full Story

An extraordinary opportunity for you to stop time!

A popular choice for families with young children – when life passes in a blur, but you want to be able to look back and remember every moment.

From wake-up until bedtime, capture it all! Breakfast chaos, school runs, shopping trips, visits with friends and relatives, bath and bedtime routines... I will be there to record the giggles, the cuddles, the tears and the exhaustion. life as it really is.

Includes:

- A gallery of carefully selected and hand edited images to download as high resolution files (minimum of 120 images)

£560





"The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

Helen Keller

You don't have to be perfect, you just need to be perfectly you!

A few things to think about...

Let everyone wear what they are most comfortable in, onesie, superhero costumes, whatever. The more comfortable they are, the more real photos we will get.

Don't worry about the state of your house. If you want to have it clean and tidy in your photos, fill your boots, but don't stress about it, remember your home is part of your story.

Is there a photo you REALLY want me to make? On the day, we will just go with the flow, but if there is something that you especially want me to capture, please, please let me know before the session starts so we can make sure we get it.

Pets are part of the family too so I would encourage you to let them be a part of your session. Don't shut them away (unless they bite!)



I will be with you for at least a few hours, so don't worry if I am not taking photos every second. I'll be waiting for a fabulous moment!

Different families have different ideas of what they would like photographed. There might be moments during your session that you'd rather I don't capture eg bathtime or breastfeeding. It's your session, so go with what you are comfortable with. Just let me know at any point if you want me to take a break.

For everyone's peace of mind, I ask that a parent/adult stays in the room with children at all times. You know your child's safety limits and what they are/are not allowed to do, I don't. Your child's safety remains with you at all times.

Finally, just relax and enjoy the experience. The more chilled you are, the more comfortable the rest of your family will feel.



Still have questions?

The absolute best way for you to get photos that you will love is if we are all on the same page. If you have any questions at all, or just want to chat about your session, please get in touch.

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