



## Pre Shoot Information for Families

Thank you for choosing Naomi Reiter Photography to capture the beauty and spirit of your family. Portraits help you remember what you never wish to forget; that moment in your childrens' life, childhood.

Here is some helpful information to prepare you for your upcoming session.

### My Style

I have a casual, more documentary style of photography. I enjoy capturing the special moments between families, which are most likely the expressions that you see most in one another every day. You will find me talking to you and your family a lot, with special attention in engaging your children in the moment.

If they become disengaged I will try to distract them, often being silly works a treat here! Please try not to be firm with them, as unhappy kids are hard to get great photos from. I have a few tricks to help kids forget the camera is even there, thus producing more natural expressions and smiles from them, but I will be happy to take any distraction cues from you though as you know your child best. If you have younger children, I may tell some jokes or act silly, with teens, I may pull them off to the side and get to know a bit about them first. I know family portrait time can be thought of as a stressful time, but I want you to enjoy the whole experience of creating your portraits than just your images alone.

I gravitate towards the natural posing that families do, but may offer posing suggestions as needed, in order to benefit the final look of your portraits. Also, attitude is everything, this is meant to be fun!! A grumpy disposition, whether a child's or a parent's, can show up in your final images, so I ask that you come to your session with an open mind, keeping in mind that you are creating precious memories that you will cherish for decades to come.

### Clothing Suggestions

Family photographs are special, a legacy of who your family was for future generations to enjoy. At Naomi Reiter Photography we want you to enjoy your experience, and here a few things to consider before your photo session.

Clothing choices are just as important for family sessions, as other sessions. My suggestion is to select clothing for each family member that is relaxed and relatively simple. Colours are great and if you are wanting to theme it in a relaxed, fun way a great idea is to incorporate colours with a similar tone, not necessarily colour, eg different blues or greens etc. Two tones can also create a great effect and as when they appear on more than one family member they look consistent but not distracting. With patterns, keeping it simple is essential, and please be wary of stripes, plaid, big words and logos on your family's clothing, these things can be a distraction from your beautiful family. Oh, and bare feet are great for family sessions too!

### The Session

On arrival we'll have a quick chat about any ideas or vision you had for the session. Then the focus will turn to getting to know your little family. I want them to be comfortable with me and, depending on their age, I may crack some jokes or act silly. In no time those genuine smiles will be shining and we can proceed with the session.

### Getting to Know You

As a mum, I know children can be shy around new people. I always respect a child's personal space and gently work on getting them to open up to my camera and I. First you'll see me get down on their level and introduce myself. If they are old enough, I may ask them their name and ask them to pick out a special name for my camera. Kids love this! If we are in your home, I may ask them to show me their special toys. If we are outdoors, I will lead them to interesting locations and watch them explore. I will take cues from your child and, most likely they'll be sad when the session ends!

## Say Cheese?

Those are two words you will never hear me speak at your child's session, and I would ask that you would refrain from using those words, or any similar words or phrasing, as well. Let me explain. I strive to get honest and natural expressions from your child. When a child is asked to 'say cheese', he or she will not give a natural smile, but rather they will be performing, and this will be apparent in the images. I will work with your children, and you will soon see the natural expressions you know and love.

## Food Considerations

A full tummy helps keep babies and children happy and satisfied during their portrait session, but please be careful of what foods they eat before their session. Carrots and sweet potatoes are a sweet treat for baby, but can sometimes leave an orange tint on baby's skin. This tint may not always be noticeable to the human eye, but the camera's lens can pick up on such skin discolouration. Other foods such as spaghetti, lollipops and chocolate may also colour the skin. Also, if you feed your baby orange foods prior to the session, their skin may give off an orange glow around the nose and mouth, but unlike food, this cannot be wiped away.

If your child has a cold, please be sure to wipe your child's nose and mouth thoroughly, because again, the camera may pick up what eyes may not notice.

## Feeling Under the Weather

If your child is sick or feeling under the weather, kindly call me to reschedule. I'm a mum myself, and I understand that sometimes children get sick. I want your family to enjoy the photo session, and a sick child may not feel like having their portraits taken. I would appreciate if you could call to reschedule as soon as it's apparent he or she is unwell. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

No need to stress if your child gets a small mark on his or her face days before the photo session. Minor re-touching is included in Naomi Reiter Photography's package prices.

## Safety First

Safety is extremely important to me and while I take all precautions with my photographic equipment, please keep watch of your little ones around the camera gear, props, etc. Thank you!

## What happens after your shoot?

After your shoot we will arrange a date for me to bring over your proofs and then the really exciting part begins where you will select your final images for printing and decide what you actually want to do with your photos. At this point you can also order any framing or albums to showcase your beautiful portraits.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on 0404 866 460 and I look forward to meeting your little family at our session!



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