



Portraits by Sarah

Baby, Maternity & Portrait Session Information Sheet

About

Portrait sessions cover all sessions except Newborns and Cake Smashes, typically Maternity, baby, children, teens & family. Sessions are very relaxed and I try to make them as fun as possible. If you have a particular idea or theme in mind please give me a call to discuss and I will try my best to incorporate it into your session.

Booking

A booking fee is required to secure your session. The fee is non-refundable but it is possible to transfer your booking to an alternative date within 3 months of the original booking date. The current booking fee is £45 for weekday sessions and £60 for weekends. On receipt of your booking fee I will send you a welcome pack confirming your session and providing the studio address and any other information you may need for your session.

Location

Sessions take place in the comfort of my studio in a picturesque village just outside Buntingford in East Hertfordshire. There is ample secure parking.

Duration

Usually between 1 and 1.5 hours depending on how long it takes us to get the images we are happy with. Sessions with babies, toddlers and young children can be as short as 45 minutes as obviously they have a shorter attention span. Maternity and baby add on sessions are 30 minutes long as they are added to a Newborn Package.

What shall I wear?

Please wear something that you are comfortable wearing and that you will be happy to have hanging on your wall for many years to come! Avoid logos, branding and strong patterns, they can be distracting and may look dated in a few years. Pick a colour scheme for your family/group: blacks/darks, neutrals/pastels, bolds or denim. Try not to have one person dressed in a completely different style to everyone else unless you particularly want them to stand out. Bring changes of clothes, the more the better. How about a casual set and a more formal set? Perhaps some dressing up clothes for the kids. Do they have a favourite outfit or football strip? If so, bring it along.



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For Maternity Sessions it's usually underwear that you need to focus on as I have different types of material that we use to drape around you for modesty. Probably a dark set and a lighter set to give us a bit of variety. If you have a particular outfit that you are fond of, please bring it with you.

Studio sessions are normally carried out in bare feet so if you wear nail varnish now is the time to put it on. Hands are also on show so please pay them a little TLC before the session.

Hair & Make up – play safe and stick with your normal style. Unless you are after a particular look this is probably not the time to experiment with new hairstyles or make up.

What will happen during the session?

For families, I normally start with group photos and then move onto individual photos to give the little ones time to settle in and relax. I try to make the session as fun for the children as possible. For toddlers and pre-schoolers that often means singing along to nursery rhymes and dancing around! I have a variety of backdrops and props in the studio that you may choose from during your session. If the weather is good, we can end the session outdoors. This is usually a hit with the kids and gives us a chance to get some beautifully natural shots, sometimes without them even realising. Please let me know when we are arranging your session if you would like some outdoor photos.

Sneak Peek

I usually aim to get an image on the blog or Facebook/Instagram page the day of or the following day after your session, providing you are willing to sign a consent form. The remainder of your images will be available to view in an online gallery within 2–3 weeks of your session date and I will email you a link to the gallery when your online gallery becomes available. Your order must be placed within 1 week of your gallery going live. Your finished products will be ready for collection or delivery 2 to 4 weeks after your order has been placed.

What products do you offer?

Portraits by Sarah offer a wide range of products to suit all tastes and budgets including Fine Art Canvas Wraps, Bespoke Frames, Wall Mounted HD Acrylics, Beautiful Albums, Mount Boxes, Image wrapped print boxes and Digital Files on a full or mini USB. Please see the current price list for further information and please be sure to ask to view samples during your session.



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How do I pay?

You can make payments by cash, cheque, Bacs or by credit/debit card using PayPal (to portraitsbysarah@btinternet.com). A 50% deposit is required at the time of ordering and the remaining balance is payable in full once the order is ready for delivery/collection. A delivery fee may be payable for certain products.

Finally

Relax and enjoy the experience...

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