

## Northumbrian Photography

### A guide to our Newborn photo session

This is very exquisite photo experience, so we want to make sure you & your baby have a relaxed comfortable photoshoot.

The session lasts up to 2 hours and includes a mixture of poses and natural shots all the positions we do has your babies safety at our utmost priority and our staff are extremely experienced in handling babies in a safe comfortable way.

The actual photos don't take 2 hours but we allow a lot of time for feeding and settling your little one so you don't feel the need to rush feeding etc.

This session is undertaken usually within your babies first 14 days this to ensure we capture all those tiny details that change so quickly. You can come in at any age although over 14 days it's a little more difficult to get the cute posed shots but we still always get something special

We also advise against booking between 8-12 weeks as we find this the most difficult age for photographing, after twelve weeks they love the attention so it's often better to wait till then if you miss under 8 weeks.

Newborn photography is usually taken with your baby sleeping (hence the 2 hours' session as it allows lots of time to settle baby back to sleep after removing their clothes) as this is the only time you can get a lot of those cute posed shots and your baby has no idea we are even doing it and keeps your baby content.

Occasionally a baby may decide they don't want to sleep despite all our efforts if this is the case we will do our best to still capture what we can or if your baby is upset we can reschedule.

If you want a session with an awake baby, please let us know as we normally advise waiting until the 3-month mark as newborns are very difficult to keep content when awake for the photoshoot and we like everyone to be happy and content.

We are very experienced with these sessions and have a set pattern we follow which we find works well for most babies.

We ask you to bring your baby in in an outfit you don't mind them photographed in. We always start with the outfit they arrive in as they are usually very sleepy from the journey & a few of our props the babies don't like doing in bare skin. You may bring one other full outfit for finishing the photoshoot in too if you wish.

We then take your baby down to their nappy and often you will find giving them a top up of milk is the quickest way to resettle them we also wrap them in a soft blanket so they are nice and warm.

We usually get a few awake shots towards the end of the session as baby normally wakes again towards the end however we always do the awake shots at the end as if we do them early on we find the baby will not go back to sleep as is over stimulated.

Once your baby is resettled we begin taking more photos these can be done in a nappy although most prefer a bare bottom. We do expect your baby to have little toilet accidents it really does not bother us everything we use washes we even have spare clothes so please don't worry about that its more a personal choice of nappy on or off.

This session does focus mainly on the baby as this is such a crucial time to get the pictures as they grow too quickly. However, we do offer parent, sibling and family shots too.

With siblings, it is a long time so be sure to bring some form of entertainment & snacks etc. although we have toys, books, jigsaws, colouring and puzzle books to help keep them amused.

We just ask you keep the children close to you due to the heaters we use for keeping your baby warm, but there is plenty space for this. We will then advise you to bring them over for a few different shots once the baby is settled

We have a large selection of props which we use, they vary from session to session as not all props work for all babies an example of this is our swing, your baby needs to be fast asleep for this one so with a slightly unsettled baby this won't work. If you have seen a prop you would like to use just let us know and we will do our best to use it.

We also have a large selection of knitted hats and bottoms, tutu's, headbands, angel wings & seasonal props let us know via our form your likes and dislikes and colours you prefer.

### Things to bring along

You can bring your own props and hats, headbands etc. rather than use ours we really don't mind just make us aware when you arrive.

Milk, we cannot stress enough how important this is as it is very rare we do a newborn session with a baby who does not feed at least once even if they have just fed, for some reason as soon as they are undressed they want fed again.

Although we have a large selection of blankets a nice blanket of your own is a great addition along with teddies, plaques or any other special item you would like to use, this makes it so much more personalised to you and your baby. Don't worry if you forget or haven't had the chance to decide what's special etc. we have lots to add to make them special too.

All we want to do is capture this magical moment in a special image for you.

We ask you to arrive 10 minutes early to give you a chance to get settled in the surroundings.

We have refreshments available to keep you hydrated throughout your session and a toilet.

### After your session

Our digital artists will edit your images within 7-10 days of your session adding a little bit of magic.

To view the images there is 2 options.

1. View in the studio, we will schedule an appointment suitable for you from 7 days after your initial session

2. You can view online at home from our secure password protected online gallery for this we do require a £20 deposit which comes off any order which is placed from this session.

The images will go online for 48 hours within 10 days of your session

We will then contact you for your chosen image for your frame and see if you would like to order any further products or feel free to call us or order online.

You can give the password to anyone you would like to see the images while they are online, however we only give it to you so anyone asking will be directed back to you.

If you have a babies 1<sup>st</sup> year voucher we photograph your baby again approximate at 6 months of age we normally say once sitting unaided & again at 12 months. We set a reminder for these sessions so will send you a message just before they are due. These sessions are much easier and quicker but great fun.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We aim for you to enjoy your experience with us and I know you will cherish these images forever.

We look forward to your visit.

The team at Northumbrian Photography

Our cancellation policy

We know things come up last minute so if you cancel with more than 24 hours' notice we will just reschedule this for you, however if you cancel your appointment within 24 hours we can still reschedule your session however we do need to take a £20 booking fee on rescheduling which comes off any order placed this just covers our costs for staffing etc. as we wouldn't be able to fill your appointment at such short notice.