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## A Guide to Your Portrait Session

Firstly, thanks for choosing me to take your pictures – the main thing is that we're going to make this fun! Relax, enjoy it and you'll get some truly memorable pictures.

### Here are my top tips to help you be prepared for the day.

1. **The Weather!** It is Islay after all! I try to take my shots in all weathers, a little bit of rain isn't a problem, but we might be go to the woods rather than be exposed on the beach. If it's really too bad, no problem, we can reschedule!
2. **What are you after?** What are your priorities for the shoot? If it's a range of posed family shots, I can do more of those you might prefer some fun pictures of the kids, or a range of both.
3. **About you and your family** Let me know a little bit about yourselves, it might feel a bit embarrassing, but the more I know (particularly the kids) the better images I can get – anything like favourite song, place, hobby, obsessions etc.
4. **Who's going to be there.** Let me know how many people I'll be photographing, it just helps me plan my pictures.
5. **What should you wear?** Keep it straightforward – follow this as a guide:
  - wear solid coloured clothing
  - choose muted tones
  - choose similar tones for your top and bottom (both dark or both light)
  - choose 1-3 colours for your group portrait, ones with similar tones that go nicely together and have everyone work within that colour palette.

*Please remember this is a guide – if you're after fun and quirky images of the kids, bright colours are fine, but in a group bright colours or stripy tops stand out and you look at the clothes rather than the people!*

If you have any questions, about anything, please just ask!

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