Self-timer for Group Shots

When you are taking photos with your smartphone it is logical that you are not always in the photo (unless you are taking a selfie). However, when taking group shots it is possible to include yourself in the photo by using the camera app’s self-timer. This enables you to set a timer, of varying duration, so that you have time to position yourself in the photo.

If you are using a self-timer, try to position yourself where you want to be in the photo before it is taken (if possible, get someone else to look at the composition of the photo from where it is going to be taken, to ensure you are in the best position). To use a self-timer for taking group photos:

1. Position the smartphone so that it is facing the group and supported in some way – e.g. with a smartphone tripod

2. Open the camera app and tap on this button to access the self-timer

3. Select one of the timer durations

4. The selected duration is shown next to the self-timer icon

5. Tap on the Shutter button to take the photo. A countdown appears on the screen, and the photo is taken at the end of this

The self-timer can also be used to include yourself in front of a notable landmark. If you do this, do not leave your camera unattended too far away from where you are, in case someone steals it.