



Your responsibility

The Principles of Good Data Handling

Personal data shall be:

- Processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way in relation to individuals.
- Collected for specific, explicit, and authentic purposes.
- Adequate, relevant, and limited to what is needed.
- Accurate and kept up to date.
- Retained only for as long as necessary.
- Processed in a way to maintain security.





Good Practice Tips



- Information must be relevant, professionally written and complete. Recorded opinions and intentions are personal data.
- Ensure that all paper records containing personal data are kept securely. Dispose of paper records in confidential waste bins or by shredding.
- Follow the Data Protection and Acceptable Use Policies—copies are available on the school website or from the school office.
- Do not divulge your passwords to anyone else. This includes colleagues even if they seem to have a good reason for having this.
- Follow your school's agreed file retention policies and adopt a clear desk approach.
 Do not make additional copies and save them on other drives.
- Never share personal data without a proper reason.
- Always lock your computer when you are away from your desk (windows + L).

General Data Protection Regulation

An overview



What is the General Data Protection Regulation?

The GDPR contains new provisions intended to enhance the protection of everyone's personal data and with it, increased fines of up to €20M for failing to do so.

The GDPR
replaces the Data
Protection Act 1998.
The Regulation
becomes enforceable
from 25 May 2018.

It's all about personal data and privacy.



The right to be informed.

The right of access.

The right to rectification.

The right to erasure.

The right to restrict processing.

The right to portability.

The right to object.

The right not to be subject to automated decision making and profiling.



Personal Data is data that relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data. For example: name, or address, or date of birth, a photograph or bank details, or an IP address. It could be in a computer system or on paper.

Sensitive Personal Data is a special category that requires additional protection, and includes: health, race/ethnicity, sexual life/orientation, political and religious views, trade union membership, genetic and biometric data.

Data Subject is an individual who is the subject of personal data.

Processing refers to anything a school does with personal data – collecting, using, analysing, sharing, storing and disposal.

Keep data safe
and do not disclose it to
anyone outside of
school, only use it for
what you have been
given it for and don't
keep it longer than is





A data breach is any situation where an outside entity gains access to user data without permission of the individual, the loss of the data or even the loss of access to the data.

If a data breach should occur, the GDPR specifies that organisations must provide adequate notification. The school has 72 hours to notify the ICO and must inform individuals if their data is affected. The school has policies and procedures in place to deal with this once a breach is noticed.

