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GDPR FOR SCHOOLS

Welcome to this first newsletter about GDPR and data protection for parents and carers. I am the Data Protection Officer for St Paul's Catholic Primary School and am here to advise, train, and generally ensure the school takes all necessary steps to comply with the legislation. I visit the school and keep in contact with staff via phone and email; members of staff also receive a newsletter similar to this one. You can be assured, therefore, that yours and the children's data (and the staff's!) is protected and GDPR is taken seriously within the school.

I plan to send out these newsletters termly - they will contain information and advice, and will hopefully be a useful resource for you.

What is GDPR?

For those who are not familiar with what GDPR is, it is legislation which came into force in May 2018 related to data protection and looking after personal data. It stands for General Data Protection Regulation – unfortunately it's neither catchy nor particularly fun sounding! It is, however, important.

Before the GDPR came into force, in the UK we had the Data Protection Act 1998, so schools and other businesses and organisations were already used to looking after personal data properly. The GDPR strengthens expectations and is designed to try and cope with the online world we all now live in.

There is information on what personal data the school holds and how it looks after it in the Privacy Notices which are on the website. If you would like any further information on GDPR and how it applies to yours and your children's data please just get in touch with me – my contact details are on the school's website.

Joint responsibility

As with so many aspects of the school/home relationship, there is a joint responsibility to ensure that everyone remains compliant with the legislation. Please ensure that you follow the school's rules regarding the taking and sharing of photographs, for example. Likewise, please ensure that the school have up to date contact details for you and anyone else with responsibility for the children in your care.

If mistakes relating to personal data are ever made, staff at the school know that they should contact me for advice and guidance on the steps we should take. Likewise, if you ever have any concerns about how personal data is handled within the school, please do get in touch with me.

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