

GDPR Consent Guide



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1. Consent

As a school we will seek consent from staff, volunteers, young people, parents and carers to collect and process their data. We will be clear about our reasons for requesting the data and how we will use it. There are contractual, statutory, and regulatory occasions when consent is not required.

We may process personal and sensitive data without consent if another provision applies.

Consent is defined by the UK GDPR as “any freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous indication of the data subject's wishes by which he or she, by a statement or by a clear affirmative action, signifies agreement to the processing of personal data relating to him or her”.

We may seek consent from young people also, and this will be dependent on the child and the reason for processing. Pupils over 13 can give or withdraw consent.

2. Consent and Renewal

On the school/academy website we have ‘privacy notices’ that explain how data is collected and used. It is important to read those notices as it explains how data is used in detail.

Obtaining clear consent and ensuring that the consent remains in place is important for school. We also want to ensure the accuracy of that information.

When a pupil joins us, part of the process is to seek consent. This information is retained on the pupil file. If there are any changes, please inform us.

We review the contact and consent form on an annual basis There will be reminders about the need to update us throughout the school year.

3. For Pupils and Parents/Carers

On arrival at the school you will be asked to complete a form giving next of kin details, emergency contact and other essential information.

We will also ask you to give consent to use the information for other in school purposes, as set out on the data collection/consent form.

4. Pupil consent procedure

Where processing relates to a child under 13 years old, school will obtain the consent from a person who has parental responsibility for the child.

Pupil’s may be asked to give consent or to be consulted about how their data is obtained, shared, and used in certain situations.

5. Withdrawal of Consent

Consent can be withdrawn, subject to contractual, statutory, or regulatory constraints.

Where more than one person has the ability to provide or withdraw consent the school will consider each situation on the merits and within the principles of UK GDPR and also child welfare, protection, and safeguarding principles.

Please complete the appropriate form.