



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carer

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

On 25 May 2018 the Data Protection Act will be replaced by the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and is designed to ensure greater data privacy for all. This will require organisations, including schools, to clearly inform anyone how we use their personal data and keep it safe, and will also strengthen your own rights over your own data.

We take your privacy seriously and data is only used to provide the best possible care and education for your child. There will be times when the school may be legally required to pass on information to other organisations such as the Local Authority, some of which may be sensitive, for example for the Annual School Census.

Whilst GDPR is similar to the Data Protection Act in many ways, there are a few differences that we will need to make as a school to ensure that we remain compliant. One of these is the requirement to provide a Privacy Notice which gives fuller information on the data we hold, what it is used for and who it is shared with. I attach two Privacy Notices, one for Parents/Carers and one for Pupils. Please can I ask you to discuss the Privacy Notice for Pupils with your child so that they understand how their personal data is used and protected.

We may also need to write to you over the next few weeks, as part of our work to comply with the GDPR, to seek or re-seek consent, where applicable, in certain areas where previous consents given may no longer be valid.

Thank you for your support with this.

Yours faithfully

Mr Sean Miller
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Data Protection Officer