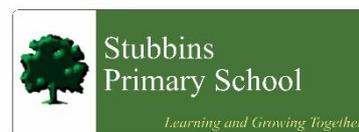


# Stubbins Primary School Policy for Data Protection (In line with GDPR Regulations 2018)



At Stubbins School, children are at the centre of everything we do. We aim to give our children the best possible opportunities and learning experiences, enabling them to reach their full potential. We aim to ensure that the children in our care are equipped for life-long learning as responsible citizens in an ever-changing, diverse local and world-wide community.

**We believe that everyone has the capacity to become great if they have the courage to challenge themselves. By nurturing creativity, enjoyment & ambition; this policy supports our responsibility to make this happen.**

## Introduction

The following policy relates to all **Stubbins Primary School** employees (including voluntary, temporary, contract and seconded employees), who capture, create, store, use, share and dispose of information on behalf of **Stubbins Primary School**.

These persons shall be referred to as 'Users' throughout the rest of this policy.

**Stubbins Primary School** shall be referred to as 'the school' or 'we' throughout the rest of this policy.

The following policy relates to all electronic and paper based information.

## Statement of Commitment

In order to undertake our statutory obligations effectively, deliver services and meet customer requirements, the school needs to collect, use and retain information, much of which is personal, sensitive or confidential.

Such information may be about:

- Pupils.
- Parents and Guardians.
- Governors.
- Employees or their families.
- Members of the public.
- Business partners.
- Local authorities or public bodies.

We regard the lawful and correct treatment of personal data by the school as very important to maintain the confidence of our stakeholders and to operate successfully.

To this end, the school will ensure compliance, in all its functions, with the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the new Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018, and with other relevant legislation.

## **Data Protection Principles**

The Principles of DPA and GDPR state that personal information must be:

1. Processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals; the lawful basis can be:
  - Consent of a data subject
  - Processing is necessary for the performance of a contract with the data subject
  - Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation (e.g. The Education Act 1996, School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Education Act 2002, Children and Families Act 2014)
  - Processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or another person (e.g. life or death)
  - Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest

The lawful basis for sensitive personal data (racial, political, religious, trade union, genetic, health, sex life, criminal convictions or offences) is:

- Explicit consent of the data subject
- Processing is necessary for carrying out obligations under employment, social security or social protection law
- Processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of a data subject or another individual where the data subject is physically or legally incapable of giving consent
- Processing carried out by a not-for-profit body with a political, philosophical, religious or trade union aim provided the processing relates only to members or former members and provided there is no disclosure to a third party without consent
- Processing relates to personal data manifestly made public by the data subject

- Processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or where courts are acting in their judicial capacity
  - Processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest
  - Processing is necessary for the purposes of preventative or occupational medicine, for assessing the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or management of health or social care systems and services
  - Processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, such as protecting against serious cross-border threats to health or ensuring high standards of healthcare and of medicinal products or medical devices
  - Processing is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, or scientific and historical research purposes or statistical purposes in accordance with Article 89(1)
2. Collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes
  3. Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed
  4. Accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date
  5. Kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed
  6. Processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data against unauthorised processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

## **Compliance with the Data Protection Principles and Data Protection Legislation**

In order to comply with these principles and meet all data protection obligations as stipulated in data protection legislation, the school will:

- Raise awareness of data protection across the school.
- Offer data protection training to all employees and governors.
- Create a data protection policy for the school that is updated annually.
- Complete a personal data processing audit, which lists the following:
  - Name of the personal data set.
  - Purpose for processing this personal data set.
  - Who the data set is shared with.

- Is the data transferred to another country.
- How long do you keep the personal data set (retention).
- The technical and organisational security measures to protect the personal data set.
- The legal basis for processing as described above (1).
- If consent is the legal basis for processing, details of the evidence of this consent.
- Put any risks found from the personal data processing audit process into a risk register.
- Review the school's consent forms so they meet the higher standards of GDPR, create an audit trail showing evidence of consent.
- Under 13's can never themselves consent to the processing of their personal data in relation to online services, this rule is subject to certain exceptions such as counselling services.
- Register with the Information Commissioners Officer as a data controller.
- Appoint a data protection officer who will monitor compliance with the GDPR and other data protection laws.
- Create a privacy notice that will let individuals know who we are, why we are processing their data and if we share their data.
- Create a system to allow data subjects to exercise their rights:
  - Right to be informed via a privacy notice.
  - Right of access via a subject access request within 1 month.
  - Right of rectification to incorrect data within 1 month.
  - Right to erasure unless there is a legal reason for processing their data.
  - Right to restrict processing to the bare minimum.
  - Right to data portability to receive their data in the format they request.
  - Right to object to personal data being used for profiling, direct marketing or research purposes.
  - Rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.
- Amend any business contracts with suppliers to ensure that they will conform to new data protection legislation.
- Implement technical and organisational controls to keep personal data secure.
- Use Privacy Impact Assessments to assess the privacy aspects of any projects or systems processing personal data.
- Ensure an adequate level of protection for any personal data processed by others on behalf of the school that is transferred outside the European Economic Area.
- Investigate all information **security breaches**, and if reportable, report to the Information Commissioners Office within 72 hours. **(See Appendix A)**
- Undertake data quality checks to ensure personal data is accurate and up to date.
- Demonstrate our compliance in an accountable manner through audits, spot checks, accreditations and performance checks.
- Support the pseudonymisation and encryption of personal data.

## Rights of the Individual

The list of rights that a data subject (person who the data is about) can exercise has been widened by Section 2 of the GDPR:

- The right to be informed; via privacy notices.
- The right of access; via subject access requests (SARS), the timescale for response has been reduced from 40 calendar days to one calendar month. SARS must be free of charge, charges can only be made for further copies or where requests for information are unfounded or excessive.
- The right of rectification; inaccurate or incomplete data must be rectified within one month.
- The right to erasure; individuals have a right to have their personal data erased and to prevent processing unless we have a legal obligation to do so.
- The right to restrict processing; individuals have the right to suppress processing. We can retain just enough information about the individual to ensure that the restriction is respected in future.
- The right to data portability; we need to provide individuals with their personal data in a structured, commonly used, machine readable form when asked.
- The right to object; individuals can object to their personal data being used for profiling, direct marketing or research purposes.
- Rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling; GDPR provides safeguards for individuals against the risk that a potentially damaging decision is taken without human intervention.

The school will ensure that these rights will be exercised.

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## Appendix A

# School Data Breach Procedure

## Data Protection - Data Breach Procedure for Stubbins Primary School

### Policy Statement

**Stubbins Primary School** holds large amounts of personal and sensitive data. Every care is taken to protect personal data and to avoid a data protection breach. In the event of data being lost or shared inappropriately, it is vital that appropriate action is taken to minimise any associated risk as soon as possible. This procedure applies to all personal and sensitive data held by **Stubbins Primary School** and all school staff, Governors, volunteers and contractors, referred to herein after as 'staff'.

### Purpose

This breach procedure sets out the course of action to be followed by all staff at **Stubbins Primary School** if a data protection breach takes place.

### Legal Context

#### Article 33 of the General Data Protection Regulations

#### Notification of a personal data breach to the supervisory authority

1. In the case of a personal data breach, the controller shall without undue delay and, where feasible, not later than 72 hours after having become aware of it, notify the personal data breach to the supervisory authority competent in accordance with Article 55, unless the personal data breach is unlikely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons. Where the notification to the supervisory authority is not made within 72 hours, it shall be accompanied by reasons for the delay.
2. The processor shall notify the controller without undue delay after becoming aware of a personal data breach.
3. The notification referred to in paragraph 1 shall at least:
  - (a) describe the nature of the personal data breach including where possible, the categories and approximate number of data subjects concerned and the categories and approximate number of personal data records concerned;
  - (b) communicate the name and contact details of the data protection officer or other contact point where more information can be obtained;
  - (c) describe the likely consequences of the personal data breach;
  - (d) describe the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the controller to address the personal data breach, including, where appropriate, measures to mitigate its possible adverse effects.

4. Where, and in so far as, it is not possible to provide the information at the same time, the information may be provided in phases without undue further delay.
5. The controller shall document any personal data breaches, comprising the facts relating to the personal data breach, its effects and the remedial action taken. That documentation shall enable the supervisory authority to verify compliance with this Article.

## **Types of Breach**

A number of factors could cause data protection breaches. Examples are:

- Loss or theft of pupil, staff or governing body data and/ or equipment on which data is stored;
- Inappropriate access controls allowing unauthorised use;
- Equipment Failure;
- Poor data destruction procedures;
- Human Error;
- Cyber-attack;
- Hacking.

## **Managing a Data Breach**

In the event that the School identifies or is notified of a personal data breach, the following steps should followed:

1. The person who discovers/receives a report of a breach must inform the Head Teacher or, in their absence, either the Deputy Head Teacher and/or the School's Data Protection Officer (DPO). If the breach occurs or is discovered outside normal working hours, this should begin as soon as is practicable.
2. The Head Teacher/DPO (or nominated representative) must ascertain whether the breach is still occurring. If so, steps must be taken immediately to minimise the effect of the breach. An example might be to shut down a system, or to alert relevant staff such as the IT technician.
3. The Head Teacher/DPO (or nominated representative) must inform the Chair of Governors as soon as possible. As a registered Data Controller, it is the school's responsibility to take the appropriate action and conduct any investigation.
4. The Head Teacher/DPO (or nominated representative) must also consider whether the Police need to be informed. This would be appropriate where illegal activity is known or is believed to have occurred, or where there is a risk that illegal activity might occur in the future. In such instances, advice from the School's legal support should be obtained.

5. The Head Teacher/DPO (or nominated representative) must quickly take appropriate steps to recover any losses and limit the damage. Steps might include:
  - a. Attempting to recover lost equipment.
  - b. Contacting the relevant County Council Departments, so that they are prepared for any potentially inappropriate enquiries ('phishing') for further information on the individual or individuals concerned. Consideration should be given to a global email to all school staff. If staff receive an inappropriate enquiry, they should attempt to obtain the enquirer's name and contact details if possible and confirm that they will ring the individual, making the enquiry, back. Whatever the outcome of the call, it should be reported immediately to the Head Teacher/DPO (or nominated representative).
  - c. Contacting the County Council's Communications Service, so that they can be prepared to handle any press enquiries. The Council's Media Relations can be contacted by telephone on **01772 534334**.
  - d. The use of back-ups to restore lost/damaged/stolen data.
  - e. If bank details have been lost/stolen, consider contacting banks directly for advice on preventing fraudulent use.
  - f. If the data breach includes any entry codes or IT system passwords, then these must be changed immediately and the relevant agencies and members of staff informed.

## **Investigation**

In most cases, the next stage would be for the Head Teacher/DPO (or nominated representative) to fully investigate the breach. The Head Teacher/DPO (or nominated representative) should ascertain whose data was involved in the breach, the potential effect on the data subject and what further steps need to be taken to remedy the situation. The investigation should consider:

- The type of data;
- Its sensitivity;
- What protections were in place (e.g. encryption);
- What has happened to the data;
- Whether the data could be put to any illegal or inappropriate use;
- How many people are affected;
- What type of people have been affected (pupils, staff members, suppliers etc.) and whether there are wider consequences to the breach.

A clear record should be made of the nature of the breach and the actions taken to mitigate it. The investigation should be completed as a matter of urgency due to the requirements to report notifiable personal data breaches to the Information Commissioner's Office. A more detailed review of the causes of the breach and

recommendations for future improvements can be done once the matter has been resolved.

## **Notification**

Some people/agencies may need to be notified as part of the initial containment. However, the decision will normally be made once an initial investigation has taken place. The Head Teacher/DPO (or nominated representative) should, after seeking expert or legal advice, decide whether anyone is notified of the breach. In the case of significant breaches, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) must be notified within 72 hours of the breach. Every incident should be considered on a case-by-case basis.

When notifying individuals, give specific and clear advice on what they can do to protect themselves and what the School is able to do to help them. You should also give them the opportunity to make a formal complaint if they wish (see the School's Complaints Procedure). The notification should include a description of how and when the breach occurred and what data was involved. Include details of what you have already done to mitigate the risks posed by the breach

## **Review and Evaluation**

Once the initial aftermath of the breach is over, the Head Teacher/DPO (or nominated representative) should fully review both the causes of the breach and the effectiveness of the response to it. It should be reported to the next available Senior Management Team and Full Governors meeting for discussion. If systemic or ongoing problems are identified, then an action plan must be drawn up to put this right. If the breach warrants a disciplinary investigation, the manager leading the investigation should liaise with Human Resources or Internal Audit for advice and guidance. This breach procedure may need to be reviewed after a breach or after legislative changes, new case law or new guidance.

## **Implementation**

The Head Teacher/DPO should ensure that staff are aware of the School's Data Protection policy and its requirements including this breach procedure. This should be undertaken as part of induction, supervision and ongoing training. If staff have any queries in relation to the School's Data Protection policy and associated procedures, they should discuss this with their line manager, DPO or the Head Teacher.