

# **Data Breach Policy**

This policy is effective in all a GDPR Privacy Notice for Staff

**GDPR** Record of Processing Activities

**GDPR Data Retention Policy** 

GDPR Freedom of Information Politication Schedule

**GDPR Data Protection Policy** 

GDPR Electronic Info and Communications Policy

**GDPR Subject Access Request Policy** 

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The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) aims to protect the rights of individuals about whom data is obtained, stored, processed or supplied and requires that organisations take appropriate security measures against unauthorised access, alteration, disclosure or destruction of personal data.

The GDPR places obligations on staff to report actual or suspected data breaches and our procedure for dealing with breaches is set out below. All members of staff are required to familiarise themselves with its content and comply with the provisions contained in it. Training will be provided to all staff to enable them to carry out their obligations within this policy.

Data Processors will be provided with a copy of this policy and will be required to notify the Trust of any data breach without undue delay after becoming aware of the data breach. Failure to do so may result in a breach of the terms of the processing agreement.

Breach of this policy will be treated as a disciplinary offence which may result in disciplinary action under the Trust's Disciplinary Policy and Procedure up to and including summary dismissal depending on the seriousness of the breach.

This policy does not form part of any individual's terms and conditions of employment with the Trust and is not intended to have contractual effect. Changes to data protection legislation will be monitored and further amendments may be required to this policy in order to remain compliant with legal obligations.

#### Definitions

## Personal Data

Personal data is any information relating to an individual where the individual can be identified (directly or indirectly) from that data alone or in combination with other identifiers we possess or can reasonably access. This includes special category data and pseudonymised personal data but excludes anonymous data or data that has had the identity of an individual permanently removed.

Personal data can be factual (for examples a name, email address, location or date of birth) or an opinion about that person's actions or behaviour.

Personal data will be stored either electronically or as part of a g-5.9 (s)-nl2 (5u 5.152 0 Tdpi)2./c.6 (t)-6.6 (he

x Equipment failure;

- x Notify the ICO where required;
- x Notify data subjects affected by the breach if required;
- x Notify other appropriate parties to the breach;
- x Take steps to prevent future breaches.

# Notifying the ICO

The CEO will notify the ICO when a personal data breach has occurred which is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

This will be done without undue delay and, where possible, within 72 hours of becoming aware of the breach. The 72 hours deadline is applicable regardless of school holidays (I.e. it is not 72 <u>working</u> hours). If the School are unsure of whether to report a breach, the assumption will be to report it.

Where the notification is not made within 72 hours of becoming aware of the breach, written reasons will be recorded as to why there was a delay in referring the matter to the ICO.

### Notifying Data Subjects

Where the data breach is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of data subjects, the CEO will notify the affected individuals without undue delay including the name and contact details of the DPO and ICO, the likely consequences of the data breach and the measures e likand cont78>pg4e a

recover correct or delete data (for example notifying our insurers or the police if the breach involves stolen hardware or data).

Having dealt with containing the breach, the Trust will consider the risks associated with the breach. These factors will help determine whether further steps need to be taken (for example notifying the ICO and/or data subjects as set out above). These factors include: -

- x What type of data is involved and how sensitive it is;
- x The volume of data affected:
- x Who is affected by the breach (i.e. the categories and number of people involved);
- x The likely consequences of the breach on affected data subjects following containment and whether further issues are likely to materialise;
- x Are there any protections in place to secure the data (for example, encryption, password protection, pseudonymisation);
- x What has happened to the data;
- x What could the data tell a third party about the data subject;
- x What are the likely consequences of the personal data breach on the school; and
- x Any other wider consequences which may be applicable.

## Preventing Future Breaches

Once the data breach has been dealt with, the Trust will consider its security processes with the aim of preventing further breaches. In order to do this, we will: -

- x Establish what security measures were in place when the breach occurred;
- x Assess whether technical or organisational measures can be implemented to prevent the breach happening again;
- x Consider whether there is adequate staff awareness of security issues and look to fill any gaps through training or tailored advice;
- x Consider whether it is necessary to conduct a privacy or data protection impact assessment;
- x Consider whether further audits or data protection steps need to be taken;
- x To update the data breach register:
- x To debrief governors/management following the investigation.

#### Reporting Data Protection Concerns

Prevention is always better than dealing with data protection as an after-thought. Data