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Changes to data protection law

You may be aware that from 25th May 2018, the rules around data protection are changing. The 'General Data Protection Regulation' (GDPR) will change how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and will also strengthen your rights over your own data.

The point of this is to make sure sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe. Whilst it is similar to the current Data Protection Act in many ways, there are a few differences, so we need to make a few changes at the school in order to ensure we remain compliant.

One of these changes is that we have updated our Privacy Notice, which can be found on the school website: www.pocklingtonjuniors.co.uk

For current pupils we have sought consent when they applied to the school for you to receive essential or non-essential communications, photograph to be used by the school in displays, on the school website, newsletters, newspapers, social media, promotional or media work. Please note that some photos i.e. identification are NOT processed based on consent (i.e. non optional). As part of our work to comply with the GDPR, we will seek separate and specific consent from new parents to the school. If you would like to review the consent form please find a copy on our school website.

Each year we ask you to review the data the school holds about your children, including contacts, by signing and returning a Data Collection Form. The contacts we hold are those with parental responsibility, but in some instances also include others which can be made up of family members, friends, neighbours, etc. Please ensure that all individuals who are named on our school records, to be contacted in the instances of an emergency, are aware that you have shared their contact information with us.

If you have any questions about how the GDPR affects you, or how our school has prepared, you can contact our Data Protection Officer: Veritau Ltd, County Hall, Racecourse Lane, Northallerton, DL7 8AL (schoolsDPO@veritau.co.uk).