



Thursday, 24th May 2018

Dear Parents,

Changes to Data Protection Law - GDPR

As you may already be aware, the 25th May 2018 marks the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The GDPR will replace the Data Protection Act 1998 and is designed to strengthen the safety and security of all data held within an organisation, and make sure processing and storage procedures are consistent. 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 Academy in order to ensure we remain compliant.

A new GDPR Data Collection Policy is now available on the website in [Academy Policies](#) which explains how we will keep and process data in accordance with the legal obligations under GDPR. The [Privacy Notice for Students](#) at Tarleton Academy has also been rewritten and this is also available on the website.

One of the biggest changes has been in terms of consent. Any consent given under the Data Protection Act 1998 will be reviewed and reobtained if necessary so this means we may have to ask for you to consent to things again.

As part of our ongoing work to comply with the GDPR, we will be carrying out several tasks over the next few weeks including:

- A refresh of the student data & consent held on our Management Information System. Parents will be required to review their child's current Data Collection Sheet and sign to acknowledge the changes due to the introduction of GDPR
- Re-seeking consent for using images of your child on our website, internal displays, social media, prospectus and other school materials. (These two exercises will either be done at a parents' evening or via a paper exercise).
- Continuing to review our existing policies to ensure that they meet the requirements of the GDPR. When policies have been reviewed and checked, they will be published on the school's website.

Finally, schools are required to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO) – our DPO is Mrs Langton. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Langton via enquiries@tarletonacademy.org or calling the General Office on 01772 812644.

Yours sincerely

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