

GDPR

On the 25th May 2018, the Data Protection Act (DPA) was replaced by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

GDPR is a new data protection regulation that's designed to strengthen and unify the safety and security of all data held within an organisation.

It will entirely replace the current Data Protection Act, making radical changes to many existing data protection rules and regulations that many organisations such as schools, academies and other educational establishments currently adhere to under the DPA.

Schools should document and review all of the personal data they hold; including data for pupils, staff, parents, suppliers and governors which should be organised and stored in an audit.

Schools should also make sure that all staff are trained according to their roles and responsibilities. This should include general GDPR awareness training for all staff as well as more detailed training for staff with more responsibility (e.g. Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher, Data Protection Officer).