

## EMMER GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### GDPR and changes to Data Protection

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, the Government has introduced new legislation known as *General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)*. These changes affect all organisations that hold personal data, and this includes schools.

Schools are authorised by law to hold and share necessary data for the provision of education, and the GDPR changes do not change this legal authority. Necessary data in the context of 'provision of education' includes pupil and family personal data, pupil assessments and reports, and information shared between the Local Authority, the Department of Education and the school.

Therefore, the impact for our school focuses predominantly on how we hold and manage this data internally, and how that data is shared with you when required. At *Emmer Green Primary*, we have always taken the privacy of the data that we hold on our pupils very seriously, and we have worked hard behind the scenes to ensure that as a school we are fully compliant and prepared for these new regulations. Our updated Privacy Policy and supporting documents can be found on the school website.

Revised permission forms will be sent home over the coming weeks as we work through our transition to GDPR, and we would appreciate your support in returning these quickly and helping the school as we go through these changes.

You may also be contacted by external school-related organisations that you have signed up to (e.g. ParentPay, ClassDojo) regarding their own privacy changes, and including simple steps to continue to use them such as an email confirmation. However these are outside the scope of the school's own GDPR policies and procedures.

A very helpful YouTube video by one of our suppliers that summarizes how GDPR affects schools and parents can be viewed on this link: <http://bit.ly/2rtwRkp>, and more in-depth details regarding the legislation can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website at <https://ico.org.uk/>. For any questions you have regarding what the GDPR changes mean for you or your child, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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