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'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' **Philippians**

School Data Protection Policy

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4:13A Rights Respecting School

(UN Convention on the Rights of the Child)

Article 3: The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

All Saints Partnership

Excellence and Enjoyment for All

An Introduction to All Saints Partnership

All Saints' Partnership Statement of Intent

The All Saints' Partnership, comprising St Mary Magdalene & St Stephen's in Westminster, St John's Highbury Vale in Islington, and St Paul's in Hammersmith & Fulham, is committed to providing a nurturing and inspiring environment where every child is empowered to reach their full potential. Grounded in our Christian ethos and guided by our values, we strive to create a vibrant and dynamic educational experience that prepares our pupils to lead fulfilling lives and contribute positively to society.

Through our Partnership vision of ‘Excellence and Enjoyment for All’, we aim to provide a holistic education that fosters spiritual growth, academic excellence, and personal development. Each school is dedicated to being anti-racist institutions by promoting equity & equality, challenging discrimination and celebrating diversity in all its forms.

We believe that Collaboration is the heart of educational excellence. Combining our strengths and resources to provide innovative opportunities and an overall better quality of education for all our pupils. Together, we are stronger!

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1. Aims

St John's Highbury Vale CE Primary (The School) aims all personal data collected about staff, pupils, parents and carers, governors, visitors and other individuals is collected, stored and processed in accordance with UK data protection law.

This policy applies to all personal data, regardless of whether it is in paper or electronic format.

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy meets the requirements of the:

- UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) – the EU GDPR was incorporated into UK legislation, with some amendments, by The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020
- Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018)

It is based on guidance published by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) on the UK GDPR and guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on Generative artificial intelligence in education.

It also reflects the ICO's guidance for the use of surveillance cameras and personal information.

3. Definitions

Term	Definition
Data controller	The natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which, alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data.
Data processor	A natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which processes personal data on behalf of the controller, following the Controller's instruction.
Data subject	The identified or identifiable individual whose personal data is held or processed.
Consent	Freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous indication of the data subject's wishes via a statement or by a clear affirmative action, signifying agreement to a specific processing of personal data relating to them.
Personal data	Any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a ● name, ● an identification number,

	● location data, ● an online identifier or ● to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.
Special categories of personal data	Personal data which is more sensitive and so needs more protection, including Information about an individual's: ● Racial or ethnic origin ● Political opinions ● Religious or philosophical beliefs ● Trade union membership ● Genetics ● Biometrics (such as fingerprints, retina and iris patterns), where used for identification purposes ● Health – physical or mental ● Sex life or sexual orientation ● History of offences, convictions or cautions * * Note: Whilst criminal offences are not listed as special category data, within this policy they are regarded as such in acknowledgment of the extra care which is needed with this data set.
Processing	Any operation or set of operations which is performed on personal data or on sets of personal data, such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction. Processing can be automated or manual.
Data breach	A breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to personal data.

4. The Data Controller

The School collects and determines the processing for personal data relating to parents/carers, pupils, the school workforce, governors/volunteers, visitors and others, in addition they process data on the behalf of others therefore is a data controller and a data processor.

The School is registered as a data controller with the ICO and will renew this registration as legally required, the registration number is **Z501006X**

5. Roles and responsibilities

This policy applies to **all individuals** employed by our school, and to external organisations or individuals working on our behalf. Employees who do not comply with this policy may face disciplinary action.

5.1 Governing Board

The Governing Board has overall responsibility for ensuring that our school complies with all relevant data protection obligations.

5.2 Data Protection Officer

The School has appointed Grow Education Partners Ltd as its Data Protection Officer (DPO), the responsible contact is Claire Mehegan and is contactable via claire.mehegan@london.anglican.org.

They are responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy, along with any future development of this or related policies/guidelines and reviewing our compliance with data protection law.

Upon request the DPO can provide an annual report of the school's compliance status directly to the governing board and will report to the board their advice and recommendations on school data protection issues.

The DPO is a named point of contact for all Data Subjects whose data the school processes, and for the ICO.

Full details of the DPO's responsibilities are set out in their SLA for Service.

5.3 Representative of the data controller

Tonnie Read, Executive Headteacher acts as the representative of the data controller on a day-to-day basis.

5.4 All Employees

Employees (regardless of role) are responsible for:

- Collecting, storing and processing any personal data in accordance with this policy
- Informing the school of any changes to their personal data, e.g., a change of address, telephone number, or bank details.
- Reporting a Data Breach, Data Right Request, or Freedom of Information Request.
- Contacting the Data Protection Lead or DPO:
  - With any questions about the operation of this policy, data protection law, retaining personal data or keeping personal data secure.
  - If they have any concerns that this policy is not being followed
  - If they are unsure whether or not, they have a lawful basis to use personal data in a particular way.
  - If they need to rely on or capture consent, draft a privacy notice/notification, or transfer personal data outside the United Kingdom.
  - Whenever they are engaging in a new activity that may affect the privacy rights of individuals
  - If they need help with any contracts or sharing personal data with third parties

6. The Data protection principles

Data Protection is based on seven principles that the School must comply with.

These are that personal data must be;

- Processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner.
- Collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes.

- Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary to fulfil the purposes for which it is processed.
- Accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date.
- Kept for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which it is processed.
- Processed in a way that ensures it is appropriately secure.

The Accountability principle ties these all together by requiring an organisation to take responsibility for complying with the other six principles. Including having appropriate measures and records in place to be able to demonstrate compliance.

This policy sets out how the school aims to comply with these key principles.

7. Collecting personal data

7.1 Lawfulness, fairness and transparency

We will only process personal data where we have one of six 'lawful bases' (legal reasons) to do so under data protection law:

- The individual (or their parent/carer when appropriate) has freely given clear **consent**
- The data needs to be processed so that the school can **fulfil a contract** with the individual, or the individual has asked the school to take specific steps before entering into a contract
- The data needs to be processed so that the school can **comply with a legal obligation**
- The data needs to be processed to ensure the **vital interests** of the individual e.g. to protect someone's life
- The data needs to be processed so that the school, as a public authority, can perform a task **in the public interest,** and carry out its official functions
- The data needs to be processed for the **legitimate interests** of the school or a third party (provided the individual's rights and freedoms are not overridden)

For special categories of personal data, we will also meet one of the special category conditions for processing which are set out in data protection law.

These are where:

- The individual (or their parent/carer, where appropriate) has **given explicit consent;**
- The data needs to be processed to perform or exercise obligations or rights in relation to **employment, social security or social protection law**
- The data needs to be processed to ensure the **vital interests** of the individual or another person, where the individual is physically or legally incapable of giving consent
- The data has already been made **manifestly public** by the individual
- The data needs to be processed for the establishment, exercise or defence of **legal claims**
- The data needs to be processed for reasons of **substantial public interest** as defined in legislation
- The data needs to be processed for **health or social care purposes**, and the processing is done by, or under the direction of, a health or social work professional or by any other person obliged to confidentiality under law
- The data needs to be processed for **public health reasons**, and the processing is done by, or under the direction of, a health professional or by any other person obliged to confidentiality under law
- The data needs to be processed for **archiving purposes**, scientific or historical research purposes, or statistical purposes, and the processing is in the public interest

For criminal offence data, we will meet both a lawful basis and a condition set out under data protection law. Conditions include:

- The individual (or their parent/carer when appropriate in the case of a pupil) has given **consent**
- The data needs to be processed to ensure the **vital interests** of the individual or another person, where the individual is physically or legally incapable of giving consent
- The data has already been made **manifestly public** by the individual
- The data needs to be processed for or in connection with legal proceedings, to obtain legal advice, or for the establishment, exercise or defence of **legal rights**
- The data needs to be processed for reasons of **substantial public interest** as defined in legislation

Whenever we first collect personal data directly from individuals, we will provide them with the relevant information required by data protection law.

We will always consider the fairness of our data processing. We will ensure we do not handle personal data in ways that individuals would not reasonably expect, or use personal data in ways which have unjustified adverse effects on them.

Additional Copies of the Privacy Notices are available on request by contacting Emily Hynes, ehynes@stjhv.islington.sch.uk.

7.2 Limitation, minimisation and accuracy

We will only collect personal data for specified, explicit and legitimate reasons. We will explain these reasons to the individuals when we first collect their data.

If we want to use personal data for reasons other than those given when we first obtained it, we will inform the individuals concerned before we do so, and seek consent where necessary.

Staff must only process personal data where it is necessary in order to do their jobs.

We will keep data accurate and, where necessary, up to date. Inaccurate data will be rectified or erased when appropriate.

In addition, when staff no longer need the personal data they hold, they must ensure it is deleted or anonymised. This will be done in accordance with the school's record retention schedule.

Copies of the Data Retention Policy can be obtained by contacting Emily Hynes, ehynes@stjhv.islington.sch.uk.

8. Sharing personal data

We will not normally share personal data with anyone else without consent, but there are certain circumstances where we may be required to do so. These include, but are not limited to, situations where:

- There is an issue with a pupil or parent/carer that puts the safety of our staff at risk
- We need to liaise with other agencies or services – we may seek consent when appropriate before doing this where possible.
- Our suppliers or contractors need data to enable us to provide services to our employees and pupils – for example, IT companies. When doing this, we will:
  - Only appoint suppliers or contractors which can provide sufficient guarantees that they comply with data protection law and have satisfactory security measures in place.

○ Establish a data sharing agreement with the supplier or contractor, either in the contract or as a standalone agreement, to ensure the fair and lawful processing of any personal data we share.

○ Only share data that the supplier or contractor needs to carry out their service, and information necessary to keep them safe while working with us.

We will also share personal data with law enforcement and government bodies when required to do so, these include but are not limited to:

- The prevention or detection of crime and/or fraud
- The apprehension or prosecution of offenders
- The assessment or collection of tax owed to HMRC
- In connection with legal proceedings
- Where the disclosure is required to satisfy our safeguarding obligations
- Research and statistical purposes, as long as personal data is sufficiently anonymised or consent has been provided

We may also share personal data with emergency services and local authorities to help them to respond to an emergency situation that affects any of our pupils or employees.

9. Transferring Data Internationally

We may send your information to other countries where:

- we or a company we work with store information on computer servers based overseas; or
- we communicate with you when you are overseas.

We conduct due diligence on the companies we share data with and note whether they process data in the UK, EEA (which means the European Union, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland) or outside of the EEA.

The UK and countries in the EEA are obliged to adhere to the requirements of the GDPR and have equivalent legislation which confer the same level of protection to your personal data.

For organisations who process data outside the UK and EEA we will assess the circumstances of how this occurs and ensure there is no undue risk.

Additionally, we will assess if there are adequate legal provisions in place to transfer data outside of the UK.

10. Subject access requests and other rights of individuals

10.1 Subject access requests

Individuals have a right to make a **'subject access request'** to gain access to personal information that the school holds about them.

- Confirmation that their personal data is being processed
- Access to a copy of the data
- The purposes of the data processing
- The categories of personal data concerned
- Who the data has been, or will be, shared with
- How long the data will be stored for, or if this isn't possible, the criteria used to determine this period

- Where relevant, the existence of the right to request rectification, erasure or restriction, or to object to such processing
- The right to lodge a complaint with the ICO or another supervisory authority
- The source of the data, if not the individual
- Whether any automated decision-making is being applied to their data, and what the significance and consequences of this might be for the individual
- The safeguards provided if the data is being transferred internationally

Subject access requests can be submitted in any form, but we may be able to respond to requests more quickly if they are made in writing and include:

- Name of individual
- Correspondence address
- Contact number and email address
- Details of the information requested

If staff receive a subject access request in any form they must immediately forward it to the DPO.

10.2 Children and subject access requests:

Personal data about a child belongs to that child, and not the child's parents or carers. For a parent or carer to make a subject access request with respect to their child, the child must either be unable to understand their rights and the implications of a subject access request, or have given their consent.

Children below the age of 12 are generally not regarded to be mature enough to understand their rights and the implications of a subject access request. Therefore, most subject access requests from parents or carers of pupils at our school may be granted without the express permission of the pupil. This is not a rule and a pupil's ability to understand their rights will always be judged on a case-by-case basis.

10.3 Responding to subject access requests

When responding to requests, we:

- May ask the individual to provide 2 forms of identification
- May contact the individual via phone to confirm the request was made
- Will respond without delay and within 1 month of receipt of the request (or receipt of the additional information needed to confirm identity, where relevant)
- Will provide the information free of charge
- May tell the individual we will comply within 3 months of receipt of the request, where a request is complex or numerous. We will inform the individual of this within 1 month, and explain why the extension is necessary

We may not disclose information for a variety of reasons, such as if it:

- Might cause serious harm to the physical or mental health of the pupil or another individual
- Would reveal that the child is being or has been abused, or is at risk of abuse, where the disclosure of that information would not be in the child's best interests
- Would include another person's personal data that we can't reasonably anonymise, and we don't have the other person's consent and it would be unreasonable to proceed without it

- Is part of certain sensitive documents, such as those related to crime, immigration, legal proceedings or legal professional privilege, management forecasts, negotiations, confidential references, or exam scripts

If the request is unfounded or excessive, we may refuse to act on it, or charge a reasonable fee to cover administrative costs. We will take into account whether the request is repetitive in nature when making this decision.

When we refuse a request, we will tell the individual why, and tell them they have the right to complain to the ICO or they can seek to enforce their subject access right through the courts.

10.4 Other data protection rights of the individual

In addition to the right to make a subject access request (see above), and to receive information when we are collecting their data about how we use and process it (see section 7), individuals also have the right to:

- Withdraw their consent to processing at any time
- Ask us to rectify, erase or restrict processing of their personal data (in certain circumstances)
- Prevent use of their personal data for direct marketing
- Object to processing that has been justified on the basis of public interest, official authority or legitimate interests
- Challenge decisions based solely on automated decision making or profiling (i.e. making decisions or evaluating certain things about an individual based on their personal data with no human involvement)
- Be notified of a data breach (in certain circumstances)
- Make a complaint to the ICO
- Ask for their personal data to be transferred to a third party in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format (in certain circumstances)
- Individuals should submit any request to exercise these rights to the DPO. If staff receive such a request, they must immediately forward it to the DPO.

If you would like to exercise any of the rights or requests listed above, please contact Emily Hynes, ehynes@stjhv.islington.sch.uk. 020772264906.

If staff receive a subject access request, they must immediately forward it to the ***Contact who receives and Logs Subject Access Requests*** Emily Hynes, ehynes@stjhv.islington.sch.uk. 020772264906.

11. Parental requests to see the educational record

Parents, or those with parental responsibility, have a legal right to free access to their child's educational record (which includes most information about a pupil) within 15 school days of receipt of a written request.

Requests should be made in writing to the ***Contact details for Educational Record Requests*** Emily Hynes, ehynes@stjhv.islington.sch.uk. 020772264906

and should include;

- Name of individual making the request and child who the education record belongs to
- Requesters correspondence address
- Requesters contact number and email address

This right applies as long as the pupil concerned is aged under 18.

There are certain circumstances in which this right can be denied, such as if releasing the information might cause serious harm to the physical or mental health of the pupil or another individual, or if it would mean releasing exam marks before they are officially announced.

12. Close Circuit Television (CCTV)

We use CCTV in various locations around the school sites and premises for the detection and prevention of crime. However, footage may be used for additional reasons specified more fully in the CCTV Policy. We adhere to the ICO's code of practice for the use of video surveillance and provide training to staff in its use.

We do not need to ask individuals' permission to use CCTV, but in most instances we make it clear where individuals are being recorded, with security cameras that are clearly visible and accompanied by prominent signs explaining that CCTV is in use, and where it is not clear, directions will be given on how further information can be sought.

The full CCTV policy can be found by ***R:\TeacherResources\2020-2021\Policies.*** Any enquiries about the CCTV system should be directed to ***Richard Langstone, rlangstone@stjhv.islington.sch.uk***

13. Artificial intelligence (AI) Artificial intelligence

(AI) tools are now widespread and easy to access. Staff, pupils and parents/carers may be familiar with generative chatbots such as ChatGPT and Google Bard. The School recognises that AI has many uses to help pupils learn, but also poses risks to sensitive and personal data. To ensure that personal and sensitive data remains secure, no one will be permitted to enter such data into unauthorised generative AI tools or chatbots. If personal and/or sensitive data is entered into an unauthorised generative AI tool. The School will treat this as a data breach, and will follow the personal data breach procedure outlined in this policy.

14. Photographs and videos

We will obtain written consent from parents/carers for photographs and videos to be taken of their child for communication, marketing and promotional materials. We will clearly explain how the photograph and/or video will be used to both the parent/carer and the pupil.

Where we need parental consent, we will clearly explain how the photograph and/or video will be used to both the parent/carer and the pupil. Where we don't need parental consent, we will clearly explain to the pupil how the photograph and/or video will be used.

Any photographs and videos taken by parents/carers at school events for their own personal use are not covered by data protection legislation. However, we will ask that photos or videos with other pupils are not shared publicly on social media for safeguarding reasons, unless all the relevant parents/carers have agreed to this.

Where the school takes photographs and videos, uses may include:

- Within school on notice boards and in school magazines, brochures, newsletters and prospectuses.
- Outside of school by external agencies and partners such as the school photographer, local and national newspapers and local and national campaigns we are involved with
- Online on our website

We will obtain consent from the responsible individuals to use pupil images. When doing so we will clearly explain how the photograph and/or video will be collected and used to both the parent/carer and pupil when obtaining consent. When using photographs and videos in this way we will not accompany them with any other personal information about the child, to ensure they cannot be identified.

Consent can be refused or withdrawn at any time. If consent is withdrawn, we will delete the photograph or video and not distribute it further.

You can withdraw consent by***: letter or email to school office (admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk)***

See our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy for more information on our use of photographs and videos.

15. Data protection by design and default

We will put measures in place to show that we have integrated data protection into all of our data collection and processing activities. These include, but are not limited to the following organisational and technical measures:

- Appointing a suitably qualified DPO, and ensuring they have the necessary resources to fulfil their duties and maintain their expert knowledge
- Only processing personal data that is necessary for each specific purpose of processing, and always in line with the data protection principles set out in relevant data protection regulations.
- Completing data privacy impact assessments where the school's processing of personal data presents a high risk to rights and freedoms of individuals, and when introducing new technologies or processing tools. Advice and guidance will be sought from the DPO.
- Integrating data protection into internal documents including this policy, any related policies and privacy notices
- Providing regular training for the school workforce on data protection law, this policy and any related policies and any other data protection matters, from induction onwards. Records of attendance will be kept ensuring that all data handlers receive appropriate training.
- Periodic audits will be undertaken to monitor and review our privacy measures and make sure we are compliant.
- Maintaining records of our processing activities, including:
  - For the benefit of data subjects, making available the name and contact details of our school DPO and all information we are required to share about how we use and process their personal data (via our privacy notices)
  - For all personal data that we hold; maintaining an internal record of the type of data, data subject, how and why we are using the data, any third-party recipients, how and why we are storing the data, retention periods and how we are keeping the data secure.

16. Data security and storage of records

We will protect personal data and keep it safe from unauthorised or unlawful access, alteration, processing or disclosure, and against accidental or unlawful loss, destruction or damage.

Our organisational and technical measures include, but are not limited to;

- Paper-based records and portable electronic devices, such as laptops, tablets and hard drives that contain personal data will be kept under lock and key when not in use. We endorse a clear desk policy.
- Papers containing confidential personal data will not be left out on display when not in use unless there is a compelling lawful basis to do so e.g. Public Task to display Allergy information in the Medical Room.
- Passwords that are at least eight characters long containing letters and numbers are used to access school computers, laptops and other electronic devices. Those who utilise school-controlled devices or platforms are reminded to change their passwords at regular intervals.
- Encryption software is used to protect any devices such as Laptops, Tablets and USB Devices where saving to the hard drive is enabled.

- Employees, Pupils or Governors/Volunteers who store personal information on their personal devices are expected to follow the same security procedures as for school-owned equipment (see **** School's Online & E- safety policy, ICT policy, user agreements and email use policy for further information)***
- Where we need to share personal data with a third party, we carry out due diligence and take reasonable steps to ensure it is stored securely and adequately protected.

17. Disposal of records

Personal data that is no longer needed will be disposed of securely. Personal data that has become inaccurate or out of date will be rectified or updated, unless it is no longer of use and therefore will be disposed of securely.

For example, we will shred paper-based records, and overwrite or delete electronic files. We may also use a third party to safely dispose of records on the school's behalf. If we do so, we will require the third party to provide sufficient guarantees that it complies with data protection law and provide a certificate of destruction.

When records are disposed of as part of the Data Retention schedule this is then recorded on our record of destruction log.

18. Personal data breaches

The school will make all reasonable endeavours to ensure that there are no personal data breaches.

All potential or confirmed Data Breach incidents should be reported to the ***Internal Data Protection lead Hasina Khan, hkhan@stjhv.islington.sch.uk. or Emily Hynes, ehynes@stjhv.islington.sch.uk*** where they will be assigned a unique refence number and recorded in the school's data breach log.

Once logged, incidents will then be investigated, the potential impact assessed, and appropriate remedial action undertaken. The DPO will be consulted as required.

Where appropriate, we will report the data breach to the ICO and affected Data Subjects within 72 hours.

Examples of a Data Protection Breach include but are not limited to:

- A non-anonymised dataset being published on the school website, which shows the exam results of pupils eligible for the pupil premium
- Safeguarding information being made available to an unauthorised person
- The theft of a school laptop containing non-encrypted personal data about pupils

19. Training

All employers and governors are provided with data protection training as part of their induction process.

Periodic refresher will be provided to adhere to ICO best practice or to respond to changes in legislation, guidance or the school's processes.

20. Monitoring arrangements

The DPO is responsible for monitoring and reviewing this policy as part of the general monitoring and compliance work, they carry out.

They will work with ***School Data Protection Leads Hasina Khan and Emily Hynes*** and the ***Lead Governor for Data Protection – Joanna Aunon*** to ensure that this policy remains contemporaneous and appropriate.

This policy will be reviewed yearly, and changes recommended when appropriate. The Governors will be asked to sign off the policy review and any necessary changes.

21. Links with other policies

This data protection policy is linked to our:

- Freedom of information publication scheme
- Online and E-Safety Policy
- ICT User Agreements
- Email Use Policy
- Data Retention Schedule
- Breach Management Policy
- Asset Management Recording Policy
- Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity Planning and Risk Register.
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- CCTV Policy