



**CRWYS PRIMARY SCHOOL
DATA PROTECTION POLICY
SEPTEMBER 2023**



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is at the heart of our school's planning, policies, practice and ethos. As a rights-respecting school we not only teach about children's rights but also model rights and respect in all relationships. Our belief in "restorative approaches" ensures that every child is listened to.



Within all teaching and learning, numeracy, literacy and digital competency is promoted. Teachers are expected to plan and deliver objectives pitched appropriately to the learners. Lessons have success criteria which include numeracy, literacy and/or digital competency objectives to ensure the learners are aware of the particular skills they are looking to develop within that lesson. Every opportunity is used to promote the ethos of "every child can be the best they can be!"

Data Protection Policy

The school will comply with:

The terms of the 1998 Data Protection Act, and any subsequent relevant legislation, to ensure personal data is treated in a manner that is fair and lawful.

Information and guidance displayed on the Information Commissioner's website (www.ico.gov.uk).

This policy should be used in conjunction with the school's Internet Use Policy.

Data Gathering

All personal data relating to staff, pupils or other people with whom we have contact, whether held on computer or in paper files, are covered by the Act.

Only relevant personal data may be collected and the person from whom it is collected should be informed of the data's intended use and any possible disclosures of the information that may be made.

Data Storage

Personal data will be stored in a secure and safe manner. Electronic data will be protected by standard password and firewall systems operated by the school. Computer workstations in administrative areas will be positioned so that they are not visible to casual observers waiting either in the office or at the reception hatch. Manual data will be stored where it not accessible to anyone who does not have a legitimate reason to view or process that data. Particular attention will be paid to the need for security of sensitive personal data.

Data Checking

The school will issue regular reminders to staff and parents to ensure that personal data held is up-to-date and accurate. Any errors discovered would be rectified and, if the incorrect information has been disclosed to a third party, any recipients informed of the corrected data.



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Data Disclosures

Personal data will only be disclosed to organisations or individuals for whom consent has been given to receive the data, or organisations that have a legal right to receive the data without consent being given. When requests to disclose personal data are received by telephone it is the responsibility of the school to ensure the caller is entitled to receive the data and that they are who they say they are. It is advisable to call them back, preferably via a switchboard, to ensure the possibility of fraud is minimised.

If a personal request is made for personal data to be disclosed it is again the responsibility of the school to ensure the caller is entitled to receive the data and that they are who they say they are. If the person is not known personally, proof of identity should be requested.

Requests from parents or children for printed lists of the names of children in particular classes, which are frequently sought at Christmas, should politely be refused as permission would be needed from all the data subjects contained in the list (note: A suggestion that the child makes a list of names when all the pupils are present in class will resolve the problem).

Personal data will not be used in newsletters, websites or other media without the consent of the data subject.

Routine consent issues will be incorporated into the school's pupil data gathering sheets, to avoid the need for frequent, similar requests for consent being made by the school.

Personal data will only be disclosed to Police Officers if the LA has given its approval for the information to be shared.

A record should be kept of any personal data disclosed so that the recipient can be informed if the data is later found to be inaccurate.

Subject Access Requests

If the school receives a written request from a data subject to see any or all personal data that the school holds about them this should be treated as a Subject Access Request and the school will respond within the 40 day deadline.

Informal requests to view or have copies of personal data will be dealt with wherever possible at a mutually convenient time but, in the event of any disagreement over this, the person requesting the data will be instructed to make their application in writing and the school will comply with its duty to respond within the 40 day time limit.



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