



25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

Dear parents/guardians,

The law on Data Protection is changing and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into effect on 25th May 2018. It will bring higher standards for handling data and greater expectations for improved transparency, enhanced data security and increased accountability for processing personal data. Schools have a legal duty to comply with the GDPR.

A great deal of the processing of personal data undertaken by schools will fall under a specific legal basis, 'in the public interest' as it is in the public interest to operate schools successfully - it will mean that specific consent will not be needed in the majority of cases in schools.

The GDPR will ensure that personal data is protected and will give individuals more control over their data, however this also means schools will have greater accountability for the data.

For South Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust schools, this means the following:

- We are adding a dedicated area on our MAT website ([www.southdartmoormat.co.uk](http://www.southdartmoormat.co.uk)) for data protection information – you will find this by hovering over 'About Us' then clicking on 'Policies and Documents'. This will include an updated privacy policy and data protection policy.
- We have appointed a trained and qualified Data Protection Officer, Chris Daniel, to oversee compliance across all our schools. Chris will work closely with the Data Controller(s) (the people who make the day to day decisions on how we use personal data in our schools) to ensure all our actions are GDPR compliant.
- We are providing every member of staff, in every school, with GDPR awareness training.
- We are working with all our third party suppliers and support teams to ensure how they use school personal data is GDPR compliant.
- We have a process in place to ensure we can report any data breaches which are likely to have a detrimental effect on the person involved to the relevant bodies within 72 hours.

If you have any further questions on GDPR within your child's school, in the first instance, please contact the relevant data controller:



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For more information on the GDPR, please visit [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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