Wednesday 2nd May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**New GDPR regulations 25th May 2018**

You may have heard about changes to data protection regulations which will come in to force on 25th May 2018. This is known as the EU's [General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/reform/files/regulation_oj_en.pdf). The legislation is designed to "harmonise" data privacy laws across Europe as well as give greater protection and rights to individuals. These changes will affect everyone, and every organisation, in some way.

As a school, we are classed as “data controllers” and as such we need to state how and why personal data is processed and ensure we abide by data protection laws.

Once the new legislation comes in to effect, controllers must ensure personal data is processed lawfully, transparently, and for a specific purpose.

Overleaf, we have outlined your rights in relation to our school’s management of your child’s data.

The good news is that we are currently complying with the Data Protection Act 1998, and are very experienced at working within such regulations. It will be necessary to make some changes to policies and procedures in readiness for 25th May and we will use the website to post updates, and will correspond directly with you with more specific information over the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully

Claire Emery

Data Protection Officer