

GDPR

To All Parents

Like us you will have been receiving numerous emails about GDPR, all telling you about the sender's compliance and some asking for opt-in. Just in case you wondered what ERS are doing we can confirm the following steps have been taken.

- We have sent people for training to understand best practice for implementing the new law which comes into effect on 25th May 2018
- We have appointed a Data Protection Officer, Mrs Cherry Martin.
- Any queries concerning GDPR – now or later – can be sent to her at a separate email address dpo@eger-roth.co.uk
- We have produced our Privacy Statement and Policy documents – these are now in the final stages of checking/proof-reading and will be on our website after half-term
- We will be sending you a letter to summarise key points re our compliance and how we will implement standards going forward – this at the time we notify you that the policies are live on the website.
- We do not need to ask you to opt-in as you as parents “have a contract with the school” which is a reason for us holding the data that does not require additional consent/opt-in.

Meanwhile please be assured that we – as we always have – will only keep data that is necessary to enable us to ensure the best education for your child and anything else concerning their welfare while in school e.g. Medical or Safeguarding information. This use of data extends outside of ERS when, for legal or statutory reasons, we are required to provide information to government or regulatory bodies.

The levels of security and compliance of the different types of data – including any cases where third parties handle our data - have been checked and we have plans in place to monitor and audit these as we work to deliver improved best practice over the coming months.

All the experts tell us that the biggest thing with GDPR is a “culture change” in terms of how we think about data use and storage - and that this will take longer to implement than the compliance checking on systems which has already been done. Please therefore be patient with us as we roll-out our training programme for the cultural aspect of these changes but if you have any concerns or questions please do contact us via the email address above.

As we have said this will be covered more fully when we launch the policies on the website but we wanted to let you know that this is in progress.

Thank you.

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