

# **St Mary's Catholic Primary School**



## **Data Protection Policy March 2023**

**Signed:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Smith', is written over a faint, light blue circular stamp.

**(Chair of Governors)**

**Learning and Loving  
Caring and Sharing  
through  
The message of Christ**



**St Mary's Catholic Primary School is a  
happy community where we are loved and  
valued as individuals.**

**As Disciples of Jesus, we learn  
together, pray together and  
celebrate together as one in God's love.**

**Together with parents/carers, the parish  
and the wider community, we prepare our  
children to live and build God's kingdom  
on earth.**

The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) is the law that protects personal privacy and upholds individual's rights. It applies to anyone who handles or has access to people's personal data.

This policy is intended to ensure that personal information is dealt with properly and securely and in accordance with the UK GDPR. It will apply to information regardless of the way it is used, recorded and stored and whether it is held in paper files or electronically.

## **1. Scope of the Policy**

Personal information is any information that relates to a living individual who can be identified from the information. This includes any expression of opinion about an individual and intentions towards an individual. It also applies to personal data held visually in photographs or video clips (including CCTV) or as sound recordings.

The School collects a large amount of personal data every year including: staff records, names and addresses of those requesting prospectuses, pupil assessments / test results, references, fee collection as well as the many different types of research data used by the School. In addition, it may be required by law to collect and use certain types of information to comply with statutory obligations of Local Authorities (LAs), government agencies and other bodies.

## **2. The Principles**

The UK GDPR is based a set of principles, or rules for 'good information handling':

a) processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals;

- b) collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes;
- c) adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed;
- d) accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased or rectified without delay;
- e) kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; personal data may be stored for longer periods insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational measures required by the UK GDPR in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals; and
- f) processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.”

### **3. Responsibilities**

The school must:

- Manage and process personal data properly
- Protect the individuals’ right to privacy
- Provide an individual with access to all personal data held on them.

The school has a legal responsibility to comply with the UK GDPR. The school is named as the Data Controller.

Data Controllers are people or organisations who hold and use personal information. They decide how and why the information is used and have a responsibility to establish workplace practices and policies that are in line with the UK GDPR.

The school is required to 'notify' the Information Commissioner of the processing of personal data. This information will be included in a public register which is available on the Information Commissioner's website.

Every member of staff that holds personal information has to comply with the UK GDPR when managing that information.

The school is committed to maintaining the principles of the UK GDPR at all times. This means that the school will:

- inform Data Subjects why they need their personal information, how they will use it and with whom it may be shared. This is known as a Privacy Notice.
- check the quality and accuracy of the information held
- apply the records management policies and procedures to ensure that information is not held longer than is necessary
- ensure that when information is authorised for disposal it is done appropriately
- ensure appropriate security measures are in place to safeguard personal information whether that is held in paper files or on a computer system
- only share personal information with others when it is necessary and legally appropriate to do so
- set out clear procedures for responding to requests for access to personal information known as subject access in the UK GDPR
- ensure all staff are aware of their responsibilities and of the schools relevant policies and procedures

## **Rights for Individuals**

The UK GDPR provides the following rights for individuals:

1. The right to be informed

2. The right of access

3. The right to rectification
4. The right to erasure
5. The right to restrict processing
6. The right to data portability
7. The right to object
8. Rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.

Please follow this link to the ICO's website ([www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)) which provides further detailed guidance on a range of topics including individuals' rights, exemptions from the UK GDPR, dealing with subject access requests, how to handle requests from third parties for personal data to be disclosed etc. In particular, you may find it helpful to read the Guide to UK GDPR which is available from the website.

This policy will be updated as necessary to reflect best practice or amendments made to the UK GDPR.