

GDPR in education

GDPR is the world's most robust data protection regulation that establishes a comprehensive legal framework to safeguard personal data. Educational institutions handle vast amounts of confidential data and must ensure students/parents have can access and review information held about them.

Subject Access Requests (SARs)

Children Under 12: Generally not mature enough to understand rights - parents can usually make requests

Children 12 and Above: Considered mature enough - requests typically require the child's written consent

Data breach response protocol

1. **Report immediately** to Headteacher/Data Protection Officer
2. **Compile relevant information** about the breach
3. **Contain the breach** - minimise impact
4. **Escalate to ICO** within 72 hours if required

Key GDPR principles for education

- **Limitation and Minimisation:** Only collect necessary data for specified purposes
- **Accuracy:** Keep data correct and up-to-date
- **Storage Limitation:** Delete data when no longer needed
- **Transparency:** Inform individuals how their data will be used
- **Accountability:** Demonstrate compliance through proper procedures