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Dear Parents and Carers,

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

As you may know, a new regulation regarding Data Protection is coming into force on 25th May 2018.

Data Protection has been around for many years but from 25th May, the rules around data protection are changing. The 'General Data Protection Regulation' (GDPR) will change how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and will also strengthen your rights over your own data.

The point of this new regulation is to make sure sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe. Whilst it is similar to the current Data Protection Act in many ways, there are a few differences, so we need to make changes at the school in order to ensure we remain compliant.

One of these changes is that we have updated our Privacy Notices. These will be placed on our school website.

We will also be sending out a new Pupil Detail Form which we would be grateful if you would complete. We will keep one on our IT system and one paper copy. The Pupil Detail Form requires you also to provide or not provide consent for using photographs or videos of your child on our website, or other school materials/and the sharing of your details or your child's details with external providers such as Carre's Sports Outreach (who support our school with sport), Mathletics (log-ins), Ark (our ICT provider who create pupil computer log-ins). The school PTA (Disco's etc), and external clubs. You can stop your consent at any time.

As a school we are working hard to ensure that all information is up to date as soon as possible and you will notice new policies and procedures being added to the website periodically. You can find this information under the Key Information tab on the website. We are currently waiting for some third parties to advise us on how they intend to meet the new regulations.

If you have any questions about how the GDPR affects you, or how our school is preparing, you can contact me through the School Office.

Kind regards

Mr Chris Wilson
Head teacher