



# **Thorpe Acre Infant School**

## **Consent Guide**

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## **Safeguarding Statement**

At Thorpe Acre Infant School, we respect and value all children and are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all our pupils so they can learn, in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe every pupil should be able to participate in all school activities in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from harm. This is the responsibility of every adult employed by, or invited to deliver services at Thorpe Acre Infant School. We recognise our responsibility to safeguard all who access school and promote the welfare of all our pupils by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect and bullying.

## **GDPR Statement**

The school has arrangements in place to ensure that all personal data records held by the school are obtained, processed, used and retained in accordance with the eight rules of data protection (based on the Data Protection Acts).

## **Equality Impact Statement**

We have carefully considered and analysed the impact of this policy on equality and the possible implications for pupils with protected characteristics, as part of our commitment to meet the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

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### **1. Consent**

As a school we will seek consent from staff, volunteers, young people, parents and carers to collect and process their data. We will be clear about our reasons for requesting the data and how we will use it. There are contractual, statutory and regulatory occasions when consent is not required.

However, in most cases data will only be processed if explicit consent has been obtained.

Consent is defined by the GDPR as “any freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous indication of the data subject's wishes by which he or she, by a statement or by a clear affirmative action, signifies agreement to the processing of personal data relating to him or her”.

We may seek consent from young people also, and this will be dependent on the child and the reason for processing.

### **2. Consent and Renewal**

On the school website we have ‘Privacy Notices’ that explain how data is collected and used. It is important to read those notices as it explains how data is used in detail.

Obtaining clear consent and ensuring that the consent remains in place is important for school. We also want to ensure the accuracy of that information.

### **3. For Pupils and Parents/Carers**

On arrival at school you will be asked to complete a form giving next of kin details, emergency contact and other essential information. We will also ask you to give consent to use the information for other in school purposes, as set out on the data collection/consent form.

We review the contact and consent form on an annual basis. It is important to inform school if details or your decision about consent changes. A form is available.

### **4. Pupil consent procedure**

Where processing relates to a child under 16 years old, school will obtain the consent from a person who has parental responsibility for the child.

Pupils may be asked to give consent or to be consulted about how their data is obtained, shared and used in certain situations.

## **5. Withdrawal of Consent**

Consent can be withdrawn, subject to contractual, statutory or regulatory constraints. Where more than one person has the ability to provide or withdraw consent the school will consider each situation on the merits and within the principles of GDPR and also child welfare, protection and safeguarding principles.

Please complete the appropriate form.