

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents and Prospective Parents,

### **Changes to data protection law**

As you are no doubt well-aware that 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 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 a few changes at the school in order to ensure we remain compliant.

One of these changes is that we have updated our privacy notices for pupils and parents, our data protection policy, and the rules and requirements on retaining information and records. We have also provided further guidance for pupils over the age of 13 in terms of their rights and responsibilities.

The Schools pupil privacy notice, parental privacy notice, Data Protection policy and Information security policy are all available to parents by contacting the school office. It has been advised that they are not posted on the website as they contain specific information on where and how our data is stored; so making this common public knowledge could increase the chances of a data breach.

If you have any questions about how the GDPR affects you, your sons or how our school has responded to the new legislation, you can contact me at Bruern, as the recently trained Data Protection Officer and I will do my best to answer them.

With best regards,



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