



Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 6 Confidential Data Collection and Consent

In order for us to be fully ready for September it is important that we collect all of the confidential data that we need to be able to communicate with you next year and to ensure that we have all of the information we need to support your child. Although we have collected some information from yourself and your child's primary school we do now need to ask you to share all relevant information using [this online confidential data and consent form](#). The form asks you for **all the confidential information we need access to as a school and your consent for us to use images of your child**.

New data regulations (GDPR) means that we need parents to actively 'opt-in' to allow images of children to be used for purposes such as the website, newsletters or local press. A general 'opt-in' is no longer valid as we are required to make a detailed account to you of all of the purposes the images could be used for.

Generally, photographs that we take for school, press and family are a source of pride, which can enhance self-esteem for children and their families, and so are to be welcomed. When children have been a part of a winning sports team, achieved something fantastic in lessons or taken part in a charity initiative; both the child and parents enjoy seeing this recognised in school newsletters, the website or even local press.

Indeed, it would be a real shame if the new regulations stopped us from using children's' images in the very positive way we have been able to do so previously. If a significant number of parents do not give us consent, then our use of students' images may have to radically change. While it is everybody's absolute legal right to refuse or withdraw consent at any time, imagine what a picture of any groups of students would look like if we had to pixelate out 4 of them? Imagine having to ask 19 of the 42 children in the school trip group photo to sit out so we can put it onto the newsletter for parents to view? Imagine asking half of a winning Netball team to step aside from their victory photograph so it could be sent to the Nottingham Post? Of course, do remember that once consent has been given, it can be withdrawn by parents at any time in the future.

GDPR regulations also require us to make you aware of our GDPR policy and Fair Processing Notice which are available on the [school website](#). **You can access the confidential data and consent form following the link at the start of the letter and I would be grateful if you could complete this before noon on Friday 3rd July.** If you have any questions, then please contact the schools' data team through school reception.

Yours faithfully

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