

Gosforth Nursery



GDPR Policy

As part of meeting a child's needs, it is important for our governing body and staff to recognise the importance of information sharing between professionals and local agencies. This includes ensuring arrangements are in place that set out clearly the process and principles for sharing information. Whilst, among other obligations, the Data Protection Act 1998 places duties on organisations and individuals to process personal information fairly and lawfully and to keep the information they hold safe and secure, this is not a barrier to sharing information where the failure to do so would result in a child being placed at risk of harm. This also includes the GDPR regulations 2019. Fears about sharing information will not be allowed to stand in the way of the need to promote the welfare and protect the safety of children. When children leave the school, the designated safeguarding lead should ensure their child protection file is transferred to the new school or college as soon as possible. This should be transferred separately from the main pupil file, ensuring secure transit, and confirmation of receipt should be obtained. Although multi-agency working and information sharing are vital in identifying and tackling all forms of abuse, it is clear that they are especially important to identify and prevent child sexual exploitation.

Further details on information sharing can be found:

- in Chapter one of Working Together to Safeguard Children, which includes a myth-busting guide to information sharing
- at Information Sharing: Advice for Practitioners Providing Safeguarding Services to Children, Young People, Parents and Carers. The seven golden rules for sharing information will be especially useful
- at The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), which includes ICO GDPR FAQs and guidance from the department
- in Data protection: toolkit for schools - Guidance to support schools with data protection activity, including compliance with the GDPR.