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The GDPR is the biggest shake-up to data-privacy law for 20 years. The GDPR will apply from the 25th May 2018.

The 25th May 2018 has become known as GDPR Day!

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) is an overhaul of data-privacy laws in Europe that's designed to give greater protection and rights to individuals. In the UK, GDPR replaces the Data Protection Act 1998.

GDPR's tougher privacy rules give us more control over how organisations use our data. The new regulation imposes harsher penalties on companies if they fail to comply with these rules by not adequately protecting our personal information, and on organisations that suffer avoidable data breaches.

GDPR will apply from 25th May 2018 and once it comes into effect, controllers (a data controller states how and why our personal data is processed) must ensure our personal data is processed lawfully, transparently and for a specific purpose. Once that purpose is fulfilled and the data is no longer required, it must be deleted.

"Lawfully" may mean that you have consented to your personal data being processed - and consent must now be given via a clear action (no pre-ticked opt in boxes). Alternatively, lawful can mean to protect an interest that is "essential" for your life (such as the provision of emergency medical care); if processing the data is in the public interest; or if doing so is in the controllers legitimate interest - such as preventing fraud. At least one of these justifications must apply for companies to lawfully process your data.

Anything that counted as personal data under the Data Protection Act still qualifies as

personal data under the GDPR, but the definition of personal data now also includes online identifiers such as IP addresses and mobile-device IDs and factors such as health and the cultural or social identity of a person.

The impact of Brexit on the GDPR is still somewhat unclear, however, the UK must comply with the new rules for the time being. It is highly likely that the UK will adopt equivalent legislation to the GDPR following Brexit, so UK companies using EU data can continue to do so legally.

Wondering what happens to your data at the PACT, see the attached Privacy Notice for more information. You will always find our most up-to-date Privacy Notice and policies on our website, www.the-pact.co.uk.



GDPR - Know Your Rights

As 'data subjects', we benefit greatly from the GDPR's tough data-protection rules. Here's a summary of the new rights it gives us.

- Right to be informed**
This is a key transparency requirement under the GDPR that means companies must tell you their purposes for processing your personal data, how long they will retain that data and who it will be shared with. This 'Privacy Notice' must be provided at the time data is collected and in a way that is easy to understand.
- Right to access**
GDPR entitles you to confirmation that your data is being processed, and a copy of that information - free of charge and within one month. If companies refuse, they must explain why.
- Right to erasure (right to be forgotten)**
This allows you to request that your personal data be erased if there is no legitimate reason for the company to be holding it, if you object to what it's being used for (such as direct marketing) and various other reasons. This is one of the most complex rights and more information is available on the ICO website.
- Right to rectification**
You can now request that inaccurate or misleading data stored about you is corrected or, if details are missing, completed.
- Right to restrict processing**
An alternative to requesting the erasure of your data which means you can stop companies from continuing to collect and use your data, although they are still permitted to store it.
- Right to object**
At its strictest, this rule lets you force companies to stop processing your data because you object to what it is being used for.
- Right to data portability**
This right allows you to obtain your personal data for your own purposes, and transfer it from one service to another securely.

Where to report a problem

You can talk to one of our school Online Safety Leads (see Reporting Online Safety Concerns) with any concerns you have, but you may also find the following websites and organisations useful should you or your children encounter a problem online.

CEOP

www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre



The CEOP Command of the National Crime Agency is dedicated to tackling the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and young

people. You can report concerns about any suspicious sexual behaviour directly to CEOP.

Internet Watch Foundation

www.iwf.org.uk/report



If you see any criminal sexual content online you can report it to the Internet Watch Foundation anonymously.

True Vision

www.report-it.org.uk



If you see any content that incites hatred you can report it to True Vision by visiting their website.

ParentPort

www.parentport.org.uk



If your child has seen any type of content online or offline, that you think is unsuitable for them, you can report it using ParentPort.

CTIRU

www.gov.uk/report-terrorism



If you see any content online related to terrorism, you can report it anonymously to the Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit.

Action Fraud

www.actionfraud.police.uk



If you think your child has been 'scammed', ripped off or conned' online you can report it to Action Fraud online or call them on 0300 123 2040.

What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

'Fortnite - Battle Royale', is a free to play section of the game 'Fortnite'. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus' where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find items hidden around the island, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game harder, there is an added twist called 'the storm', which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, making the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation, Xbox, Mac and iOS.

Micro-transactions

New featured items are released daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These are cosmetic items, called 'skins', 'gliders' and 'emotes', which change the look of the characters but do not improve the gameplay. Also available to purchase in the game is a 'Battle Pass'. When a new 'Battle Pass' is released, users can play a series of challenges to receive more rewards by progressing through different tiers. Whatever rewards they achieve can then be used in the game.

It can be addictive

Games can last around 20 minutes. Children may feel angry if they lose the game and continue to play until they achieve the result they want. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for children to stop playing halfway through as it could affect their position in the game.

It can be played on the go

Released on mobile in April it can be played without a games console at home. As the game is available outside of the home, parents may not be aware of how long their child is on the game.

Hacker Attacks

News site Forbes said it had seen "dozens" of reports online by people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers. Hackers gained access to users accounts in the game and spent hundreds of pounds in fraudulent charges.

Talking to strangers during squad mode

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones in the game to hear footsteps from other players trying to compromise their game. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language. Fortnite includes reporting features for players either cheating or misbehaving.

'Free' to play

The game IS free to play. However, on Xbox, you will need an Xbox gold subscription (chargeable).

No proof of age required

Signing up to the game is relatively simple. Users have the option to log in with their Facebook or Google accounts or their email address. When signing up with an email address, there is no proof of age required. If your child is under 12, it is important to check if your child has the game downloaded.

Weapons and violence

PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, PEGI say "more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slap", making the game 'suitable' for children aged 12 and over.

Top tips for parents

Although parental controls allow you to limit the time your child is playing on devices, it is worth having a conversation with your child to discuss and agree how long you would like them to spend on games. Even though the games last around 20 minutes, it may be hard to take them away from a game mid-play. It may be worth using a limit of the amount of matches they play rather than a time limit.

Although it is a free to play game, there are still options to make additional purchases. If a parent does not want their child to make payments, ensure that a card is not associated with the child's account. If a parent is happy for their child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest using a paysafecard, or a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will limit how much a child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

If a child believes a player is playing or talking inappropriately, you should advise them to report them. To report a player, you can use the in-game feedback tool located in the Main Menu of the game. Additionally, a player can be reported in-game when spectating them.

REPORTING ONLINE SAFETY CONCERNS

Visit your child's school website for advice and support including how to report online safety concerns.

If you have a concern regarding your child's use of the internet at home or in school, please feel free to contact us. Our school websites have loads of advice and support to help you to keep your children safe online and include information on how to report online safety concerns. If you would like to talk to us about a concern, please come into school and ask to speak to one of our Online Safety Leads.