

What is data protection?

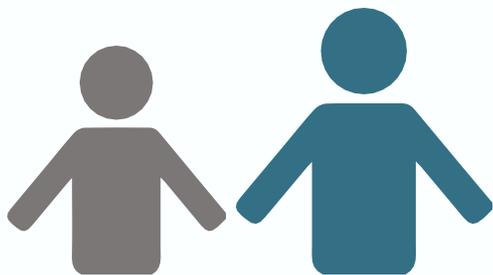
Data protection refers to ways in which the law controls how your personal data is used by organisations, businesses and the government.

First off, what is personal data? Personal data is information that identifies you, like your name or date of birth.

The GDPR

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is European law that protects your data from misuse.

The government has confirmed that, despite the UK's decision to leave the EU, the UK will still adhere to the GDPR. In fact, it will be enforced within all EU countries.



By operating under one set of rules, the EU Council aims to prevent conflicting national data protection laws.

So, how does GDPR impact you as a pupil?



GDPR affects you because it protects your personal data. Misusing personal data and not following GDPR rules can lead to identity theft, bank fraud or even result in possible direct physical harm from strangers finding out where you live.

A few tips for protecting your personal data

Your personal details are important and you should take care of them, after all, they make up a part of who you are! You should always set strong passwords. Do this by including numbers and capital letters, and don't use the same password for everything!

You should never share your passwords with anyone. Be aware of having auto-complete settings enabled on your personal devices, otherwise anyone can have access to your private data.



How to protect your data on social media

Social media is a massive part of modern life. Almost everyone is double-tapping, posting, swiping and reacting! Social media is a great way to update your friends and family, and keep up-to-date with them in return. But remember, care and attention are needed.



It may seem obvious, but only allow people that you know to be able to view your social media pages. Don't add or follow people that you don't know. Make sure your bank details are not accidentally photographed in pictures you upload.

Be wary of posting your address and phone numbers. Having your address accessible on social media can be dangerous, as it may put you in direct physical harm.



Like all social media, Snapchat can be used inappropriately and maliciously. Snap maps is a feature on the app which shows other users where someone's Bitmoji, their Snapchat avatar, is on a map. The feature is automatically enabled and users must disable it manually. Disabling this is something that is worth considering for your own safety.

Always make sure you log out of social media when you are finished, and remove auto-complete logins.



What to remember about data protection?

- 1** Your personal data makes up a part of who you are, so protect it.
- 2** Make sure you set strong passwords and disable auto-complete settings.
- 3** Don't share passwords with anybody.
- 4** Be wary of what you publish online; it could be dangerous.
- 5** Be wary of who has access to your social media.



The data protection survival guide



What is it? Why is it important? How will it impact me? How do I keep my data safe? And all your other questions!

