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Dear Parent/Carer

On the 25 May 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force in the UK. This new regulation has also resulted in the creation of a new UK data protection act, the Data Protection Act 2018.

The GDPR and the new Data Protection Act require public authorities and businesses to identify the lawful basis for storing personal data, to audit information we already hold and to take a 'data protection by design and default' approach to personal data.

What does GDPR mean for schools?

GDPR will ensure data is protected and will give individuals more control over their data, however this means that schools will have greater accountability for the data.

We have always taken data protection very seriously at Beaumont School and will continue to do so. In line with GDPR requirements, we have appointed a Data Protection Officer, Brenda Austin, who will be responsible for overseeing data protection strategy and implementation to ensure that the school is GDPR compliant.

The DPO can be contacted using the email address DPO@beaumont.herts.sch.uk.

In order to ensure that we comply with the new regulations, policies and practices are being reviewed and we will be issuing updated privacy notices for students and parents and carers after half-term. These privacy notices will set out what data we hold and how we control and process this data.

There are some areas where we process data using the lawful basis of consent and the new regulation states that consent must be up-to-date and clearly recorded. As part of our compliance processes we will be seeking to update certain forms and consents that we have previously received from parents/carers and students. We therefore ask for your support with this and that you return any forms to us promptly.

To learn more about the General Data Protection Regulation, please visit the Information Commissioner's Office website on <http://ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Atkinson
Headteacher

