

## Data Protection Impact Assessment (ScholarPack)

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Brook Primary School operates a cloud based system. As such Brook Primary School must consider the privacy implications of such a system. The Data Protection Impact Assessment is a systematic process for identifying and addressing privacy issues and considers the future consequences for privacy of a current or proposed action.

Brook Primary School recognises that moving to a cloud service provider has a number of implications. Brook Primary School recognises the need to have a good overview of its data information flow.

The Data Protection Impact Assessment looks at the wider context of privacy taking into account Data Protection Law and the Human Rights Act. It considers the need for a cloud-based system and the impact it may have on individual privacy.

The school needs to know where the data is stored, how it can be transferred and what access possibilities the school has to its data. The location of the cloud is important to determine applicable law. The school will need to satisfy its responsibilities in determining whether the security measures the cloud provider has taken are sufficient, and that the rights of the data subject under the UK GDPR is satisfied by the school.

Brook Primary School aims to undertake this Data Protection Impact Assessment on an annual basis.

A Data Protection Impact Assessment will typically consist of the following key steps:

1. Identify the need for a DPIA.
2. Describe the information flow.
3. Identify data protection and related risks.
4. Identify data protection solutions to reduce or eliminate the risks.
5. Sign off the outcomes of the DPIA.

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## Step 1: Identify the need for a DPIA

Explain broadly what project aims to achieve and what type of processing it involves. You may find it helpful to refer or link to other documents, such as a project proposal. Summarise why you identified the need for a DPIA.

**What is the aim of the project?** – To help deliver a cost effective solution to meet the needs of the business. The cloud based system will improve accessibility and ensure information security when working remotely.

**Brook Primary School** will undertake the following processes:

1. Collecting personal data
2. Recording and organizing personal data
3. Structuring and storing personal data
4. Copying personal data
5. Retrieving personal data
6. Deleting personal data

By opting for an internal server based solution the school aims to achieve the following:

1. Scalability
2. Reliability
3. Resilience
4. Delivery at a potentially lower cost
5. Supports mobile access to data securely
6. Update of documents in real time
7. Good working practice, i.e. secure access to sensitive files

ScholarPack is a cloud-based system which enables the school to manage pupil information in a variety of ways through a number of modules. Electronic registration and attendance management, personnel, behavior tracking, meal payments and catering reports, interventions, census, school clubs, SEND and reporting facilities. In addition, ScholarPack has the ability to integrate with a number of third-party systems including ParentPay, Invenry and CPOMS.

The cloud service provider cannot do anything with the school's data unless they have been instructed by the school. The schools Privacy Notice will be updated especially with reference to the storing of pupil and workforce data in the cloud.

## Step 2: Describe the processing

**Describe the nature of the processing:** how will you collect, use, store and delete data? What is the source of the data? Will you be sharing data with anyone? You might find it useful to refer to a flow diagram or other way of describing data flows. What types of processing identified as likely high risk are involved?

The Privacy Notices (pupil) for the school provides the lawful basis of why the school collects data. The lawful basis in order to process personal data in line with the 'lawfulness, fairness and transparency principle is as follows:

6.1 (c) Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject; e.g. health & safety and safeguarding

6.1 (e) Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller

6.1 (f) Processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interest pursued by the controller or by a third party

The lawful basis for collecting special category information relates to Article 9 2 (g) *processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest and is authorised by domestic law.*

The school has considered the lawful basis by which it processes personal data. This is recorded in [Brook Primary School](#) Privacy Notice (Pupil) and where appropriate in Privacy Notice (Workforce).

**How will you collect, use, store and delete data?** – The information collected by the school is retained on the school's computer systems and in paper files. The information is retained according to the school's Data Retention Policy.

**What is the source of the data?** – Pupil information is collected via registration forms when pupils join the school, pupil update forms the school issue at the start of the year, Common Transfer File (CTF) or secure file transfer from previous schools. Pupil information also includes classroom work, assessments and reports. Workforce information is collected through application forms, CVs or resumes; information obtained from identity documents, forms completed at the start of employment, correspondence, interviews, meetings and assessments.

**Will you be sharing data with anyone?** – **Brook Primary School** routinely shares pupil information with relevant staff within the school, schools that the pupil attends after leaving, the Local Authority, the Department for Education, Health Services, Learning Support Services, ScholarPack and various third party Information Society Services applications.

**Brook Primary School** routinely shares workforce information internally with people responsible for HR and recruitment (including payroll), senior staff, with the Local Authority, and the Department for Education.

**What types of processing identified as likely high risk are involved?** – Transferring 'special category' data from the school to local authority, and to hosted servers remotely. Storage of personal and 'special category' data. Back up of servers on premise take place using hardware encryption via tapes. The WAN link from the school is a dedicated lease line so is not shared with other users like domestic broadband users, therefore it is protected from interception.

**Describe the scope of the processing:** what is the nature of the data, and does it include special category or criminal offence data? How much data will you be collecting and using? How often? How long will you keep it? How many individuals are affected? What geographical area does it cover?

**What is the nature of the data?** – Pupil data relates to personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address). Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, gender, religion, data of birth, country of birth, free school

meal eligibility). Special education needs, safeguarding information, medical and administration (doctor's information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements). Attendance information, assessment, attainment and behavioral information. The school also obtains data on parents/guardians/carers including their name, address, telephone number and e-mail address.

Workforce data relates to personal information (such as name, address and contact details, employee or teacher number, bank details, national insurance number, marital status, next of kin, dependents and emergency contacts). Special categories of data (such as gender, age, ethnic group). Contract information (such as start dates, terms and conditions of employment, hours worked, post, roles and salary information, pensions, nationality and entitlement to work in the UK). Work absence information, information about criminal records, details of any disciplinary or grievance procedures. Assessments of performance (such as appraisals, performance reviews, ratings, performance improvement plans and related correspondence). Information about medical or health conditions.

**Special Category data?** – Some of the personal data collected falls under the UK GDPR special category data. This includes race; ethnic origin; religion; biometrics; and health. These may be contained in the Single Central Record, ScholarPack, child safeguarding files, SEN reports, etc.

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**How much data is collected and used and how often?** – Personal data is collected for all pupils. Additionally, personal data is also held respecting the school's workforce, Board of Governors, Volunteers, and Contractors. Data relating to sports coaches and other educational specialist is contained within the Single Central Record to ensure health and safety and safeguarding within the school.

**How long will you keep the data for?** – Consider the data retention period as outlined in the IRMS Information Management Toolkit for Schools and the School's Data Retention Policy.

**Scope of data obtained?** – How many individuals are affected (pupils, workforce, governors, and volunteers)? And what is the geographical area covered? Pre School to Year 6 pupils 459 and workforce 67. We do not keep governors and volunteer information on ScholarPack.

**Describe the context of the processing:** what is the nature of your relationship with the individuals? How much control will they have? Would they expect you to use their data in this way? Do they include children or other vulnerable groups? Are there prior concerns over this type of processing or security flaws? Is it novel in any way? What is the current state of technology in this area? Are there any current issues of public concern that you should factor in? Are you signed up to any approved code of conduct or certification scheme (once any have been approved)?

The school provides education to its students with staff delivering the National Curriculum.

**What is the nature of your relationship with the individuals?** – Brook Primary School collects and processes personal data relating to its pupils and employees to manage the parent/pupil and employment relationship.

Through the Privacy Notice (pupil/workforce) Brook Primary School is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses data and to meeting its data protection obligation.

**How much control will they have?** – Access to the files will be controlled by username and password. ScholarPack is hosting the data and has the ability to access data on instruction of Brook Primary School who is the data controller for the provision of supporting the service.

The school will be able to upload personal data from its PC via a web browser for the data to be stored remotely by a service provider. Changes made through the browser when accessing ScholarPack will update the data stored by the school.

**Do they include children or other vulnerable groups?** – Some of the data may include special category data such as child safeguarding records, ScholarPack, SEN records, Single Central Record. The cloud service provider may provide access controls to the files. For example, files designated as private – only you can access the files; public – everyone can view the files without any restriction; and shared – only people you invite can view the files.

**Are there prior concerns over this type of processing or security flaws?** – ScholarPack are ISO 27001 accredited, the international standard for information security management. In addition, ScholarPack uses Amazon Web Services (AWS) in the UK.

Brook Primary School recognises a number of UK General Data Protection Regulations issues as follows:

- **ISSUE:** The cloud based solution will be storing personal data including sensitive information  
**RISK:** There is a risk of uncontrolled distribution of information to third parties  
**MITIGATING ACTION:** All users of ScholarPack have their own accounts
- **ISSUE:** Transfer of data between the school and the cloud  
**RISK:** Risk of compromise and unlawful access when personal data is transferred.  
**MITIGATING ACTION:** All data is encrypted at rest and in transit
- **ISSUE:** Understanding the cloud based solution chosen where data processing/storage premises are shared?  
**RISK:** The potential of information leakage  
**MITIGATING ACTION:** All data is encrypted at rest and in transit. TLS/SSL encryption is in use as is AES-256b encryption. ScholarPack use encrypted passwords. All ScholarPack servers are situated in secure locations
- **ISSUE:** Cloud solution and the geographical location of where the data is stored  
**RISK:** Within the EU, the physical location of the cloud is a decisive factor to determine which privacy rules apply. However, in other areas other regulations may apply which may not be Data Protection Law compliant  
**MITIGATING ACTION:** The servers hosting ScholarPack are located within the UK, within multiple geographic locations utilizing Amazon Web Services 'Software as a Service' (SaaS)

- **ISSUE:** Cloud Service Provider and privacy commitments respecting personal data, i.e. the rights of data subjects

**RISK:** UK GDPR non-compliance

**MITIGATING ACTION:** Histon House Limited (trading as ScholarPack) is an ICO registered company (registration number Z3529983, registered office is The Key Support Services Limited) and is fully compliant with UK GDPR data security handling and reporting.

Access to schools' data is strictly controlled and monitored at ScholarPack, and they employ a 'least privilege' code of practice within our organisation. ScholarPack have various security procedures in place which ensure the safety of school data within ScholarPack's ISO 27001 system, and the database is only accessed with express permission from the school

Additionally, ScholarPack records all user logins to schools and these are regularly audited at an operating system level. ScholarPack have systems and processes in place to monitor unauthorised access to ScholarPack. If a school notifies ScholarPack of suspicion of unauthorised access, it can work with the school to verify the log ins and provide a historical audit. ScholarPack provide several mechanisms for limiting locations from which users can log into ScholarPack

- **ISSUE:** Implementing data retention effectively in the cloud

**RISK:** UK GDPR non-compliance

**MITIGATING ACTION:** ScholarPack is fully compliant with UK GDPR data security retention and storage. ScholarPack has data deletion functionality

The data the school holds will only be kept for as long as is necessary, and in accordance with the school's Data Retention Policy. ScholarPack enables the school to delete data when required in accordance with its Data Retention Policy

In certain circumstances, individuals have the right to erasure. This means that the data subject has the right to request that their data be deleted or removed where there is no lawful basis for its continued storage

If a student is deleted via the Extended Tab, this enables the school to completely delete all of their personal data stored in ScholarPack

- **ISSUE:** Responding to a data breach  
**RISK:** UK GDPR non-compliance  
**MITIGATING ACTION:** ScholarPack is an ICO registered company, fully compliant with UK GDPR data security handling and reporting
  
- **ISSUE:** Data Retention  
**RISK:** UK GDPR non-compliance  
**MITIGATING ACTION:** ScholarPack has a policy where data is retained for as long as necessary to provide the service. If a school terminates its contract with ScholarPack, it will delete the school's personal data within six months
  
- **ISSUE:** Subject Access Requests  
**RISK:** The school must be able to retrieve the data in a structured format to provide the information to the data subject  
**MITIGATING ACTION:** ScholarPack has the functionality within the reports module to respond to Subject Access Requests. ScholarPack agrees to comply with Subject Access Requests relating to the data it stores
  
- **ISSUE:** Data Ownership  
**RISK:** UK GDPR non-compliance  
**MITIGATING ACTION:** The school remains the data controller. ScholarPack is the data processor
  
- **ISSUE:** Post Brexit  
**RISK:** UK GDPR non-compliance  
**MITIGATING ACTION:** ScholarPack is hosted on UK servers
  
- **ISSUE:** Cloud Architecture  
**RISK:** The school needs to familiarise itself with the underlying technologies the cloud provider uses and the implications these technologies have on security safeguards and protection of the personal data stored in the cloud.

**MITIGATING ACTION:** As a service, ScholarPack is UK GDPR compliant. The data processor remains accountable for the data within the system. For the services it manages, ScholarPark applies its own security updates. Where security updates are applicable to the infrastructure, Amazon Web Services will manage these

In the event of an interruption in service, as backups are continuous; ScholarPack is able to use point in time recovery and rollback to the minute of the outage

Should demand unexpectedly increase, the hosting service is able to scale their facilities to meet demand

- **ISSUE:** Third-party Access to Data

**RISK:** UK GDPR non-compliance

**MITIGATING ACTION:** Before any access is granted to the school's data held in ScholarPack, to third-party applications, the school must give explicit authorization and review the type of data that the application is requesting. The permissions can be revoked at any time by the school

- **ISSUE:** UK GDPR Training

**RISK:** UK GDPR non-compliance

**MITIGATING ACTION:** Appropriate training is undertaken by personnel that have access to ScholarPack in strict compliance with ISO 27001 and agree to abide by the ScholarPack data sharing and confidentiality policies. All staff having access to personal data hold a valid Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate

- **ISSUE:** Security of Privacy

**RISK:** UK GDPR non-compliance

**MITIGATING ACTION** ScholarPack has various security procedures in place which ensure the safety of the school's data within their ISO 27001 system and the database is only accessed with express permission from the school

**Describe the purposes of the processing:** what do you want to achieve? What is the intended effect on individuals? What are the benefits of the processing – for you, and more broadly?

The processing of this data will allow the school to function safely. We know where our students are at any time and can access the vital information we need to keep them safe. We can build up patterns of academic achievement and attitude so that we can best support our students.

Combined staff and student data allows for timetable creation and school organisation with registers.

## Step 3: Consultation process

**Consider how to consult with relevant stakeholders:** describe when and how you will seek individuals' views – or justify why it's not appropriate to do so. Who else do you need to involve within your organisation? Do you need to ask your processors to assist? Do you plan to consult information security experts, or any other experts?

As the system is already in use there is no need to consult stakeholders. Should systems change we would consult more stakeholders.

## Step 4: Assess necessity and proportionality

**Describe compliance and proportionality measures, in particular:** what is your lawful basis for processing? Does the processing actually achieve your purpose? Is there another way to achieve the same outcome? How will you prevent function creep? How will you ensure data quality and data minimisation? What information will you give individuals? How will you help to support their rights? What measures do you take to ensure processors comply? How do you safeguard any international transfers?

The lawful basis for processing personal data is contained in the school's Privacy Notice (Pupil and Workforce). The Legitimate basis includes the following:

- Childcare Act 2006 (Section 40 (2)(a))
- The Education Reform Act 1988
- Further and Higher Education Act 1992,
- Education Act 1994; 1998; 2002; 2005; 2011
- Health and Safety at Work Act
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act
- Working together to Safeguard Children Guidelines (DfE)

The school has a Subject Access Request procedure in place to ensure compliance with Data Protection Law. The cloud based solution will enable the school to uphold the rights of the data subject? The right to be informed; the right of access; the right of rectification; the right to erasure; the right to restrict processing; the right to data portability; the right to object; and the right not to be subject to automated decision-making?

The school will continue to be compliant with its Data Protection Policy

## Step 5: Identify and assess risks

<b>Describe source of risk and nature of potential impact on individuals.</b> Include associated compliance and corporate risks as necessary.	<b>Likelihood of harm</b>	<b>Severity of harm</b>	<b>Overall risk</b>
	Remote, possible or probable	Minimal, significant or severe	Low, medium or high
Data transfer; data could be compromised	Possible	Severe	Medium
Data Breaches	Possible	Significant	Medium
Subject Access Request	Probable	Significant	Medium
Data Retention	Probable	Significant	Medium

## Step 6: Identify measures to reduce risk

<b>Identify additional measures you could take to reduce or eliminate risks identified as medium or high risk in step 5</b>				
<b>Risk</b>	<b>Options to reduce or eliminate risk</b>	<b>Effect on risk</b>	<b>Residual risk</b>	<b>Measure approved</b>
		Eliminated reduced accepted	Low medium high	Yes/no
Data Transfer	Secure network, end to end encryption	Reduced	Medium	Yes
Data Breaches	Documented in contract and owned by school	Reduced	Low	Yes
Subject Access Request	Technical capability to satisfy data subject access request	Reduced	Low	Yes
Data Retention	Implementing school data retention periods in the cloud	Reduced	Low	Yes

## Step 7: Sign off and record outcomes

Item	Name/date	Notes
Measures approved by:	Mrs M Fellows	Integrate actions back into project plan, with date and responsibility for completion
Residual risks approved by:	Mrs M Fellows	If accepting any residual high risk, consult the ICO before going ahead
DPO advice provided:	Yes	DPO should advise on compliance, step 6 measures and whether processing can proceed
<p>Summary of DPO advice:</p> <p>DPO for the school asked ScholarPack the following questions the responses of which have been embedded into Step 2 of this DPIA</p> <p>1. I understand that student and staff details are input into ScholarPack via (YourIG assume) a web form? Is this manual process the only way that records can be added, or is there a facility to upload a CSV file or do you employ a secure data transfer service to populate the schools MIS with its records?</p> <p>Staff details are entered via the ScholarPack website – data is encrypted in transit and at rest</p> <p>2. How is the data secured in transit between the school and ScholarPack servers? i.e. Does the browser utilise TLS/SSL connections with AES-256bit encryption?</p> <p>TLS/SSL are in use as is AES-256b encryption</p> <p>3. Do staff employed by ScholarPack receive training in regards to data protection, linked to their duty of confidentiality and DBS clearance? Yes</p> <p>4. Could you advise what server hosting services you use in the UK and advise if the service meets ISO certifications for the hosting of data, such as ISO27001? For example, physical access controls, security of the servers, permission-based access, CCTV recording, Cyber Essentials certification, vulnerability and penetration testing.</p> <p>We are ISO 27001 accredited and use Amazon AWS in the UK</p>		

<p>5. Should demand unexpectedly increase, can your server hosting service scale their facilities to meet demand? Yes</p> <p>6. What resiliency does the server hosting service provide for the availability of data? Eg. mirrored data centres, how often are backups taken and how long would it take to restore from an outage? Does the service manage all security updates for the service?</p> <p>AWS servers with multiple geographically spread locations in use. Backups are regular and ScholarPack can use point in time recovery to rollback to the minute. ScholarPack use SaaS and they maintain and apply security updates for this service. For the service ScholarPack manage, we apply security updates</p> <p>7. Does ScholarPack have the facility to select individual or groups of individuals that have left the school or been transferred to the 'off-roll' group, for the purposes of deleting their data in line with the schools data retention policy? Yes</p>		
<p>DPO advice accepted or overruled by:</p> <p style="text-align: right; color: #0070C0;">Mrs M Fellows</p> <p>If overruled, you must explain your reasons</p>		
<p>Comments:</p> <p style="color: #0070C0;">DPO Advice provided</p>		
<p>Consultation responses reviewed by:</p> <p style="text-align: right; color: #0070C0;">Mrs M Fellows</p> <p>If your decision departs from individuals' views, you must explain your reasons</p>		
<p>Comments:</p>		
<p>This DPIA will kept under review by:</p>	<p style="color: #0070C0;">Mrs M Fellows</p>	<p>The DPO should also review ongoing compliance with DPIA</p>