

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)



GDPR is an EU-wide regulation that will come into force on May 25th 2018

How does it affect Irish Secondary Schools?

The following will apply to schools and their data as of May 25th 2018

- Personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully
- Personal data must be accurate and kept up to date
- Personal data should be kept secure in terms of encryption and physical access
- Data should not be kept for any longer than necessary
- Individual rights - right of access to information, right to rectification
- Information must only be shared with those that need to see it

More information on GDPR can be found on the website of the Data protection commissioner - dataprotection.ie



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What VSware are doing to prepare for May 25th

Internal Review - VSware started preparation for GDPR by preparing a comprehensive overview of all systems and data as well as formulating a plan to improve all processes related to this data. This also includes a commitment to better communicate all changes with the customer

Access Management - Improved user management options mean that schools have more power to decide which users see certain information

Incident Management - We have created a new data breach reporting tool on our website to allow reporting for breaches outside of office hours

Subject Access Request - Under the new GDPR guidelines, individuals have the right to request access to the information the school holds on them or their child. If a parent, student or employee of a school requests access to the information the school holds on them, that request goes to the school first and will then be passed on to VSware for processing

Ease of Access - VSware makes it easy to retrieve student/parent/staff information as all data is stored in one place

Further Info & Help - Visit vsware.ie/policies/ for more information. All of our policy documents are currently under review to ensure full GDPR compliance. Product updates relating to GDPR can be viewed at: vsware.ie/roadmap/

