

## St George's Cathedral Catholic Primary School 33 Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7JB

## **Data security**

We will protect personal data and keep it safe from unauthorised or unlawful access, alteration, processing or disclosure, and against accidental or unlawful loss, destruction or damage. In particular:

Paper-based records and portable electronic devices, such as laptops and hard drives that contain personal data, are kept under lock and key when not in use

Papers containing confidential personal data must not be left on office and classroom desks, on staffroom tables, or left anywhere else where there is general access

Where personal information needs to be taken off site, staff must sign it in and out from the school office

Passwords that are at least 10 characters long containing letters and numbers are used to access school computers, laptops and other electronic devices. Staff and pupils are reminded that they should not reuse passwords from other sites

Encryption software is used to protect all portable devices and removable media, such as laptops and USB devices

Staff, pupils or governors who store personal information on their personal devices are expected to follow the same security procedures as for school-owned equipment (see our Online Safety Policy) Where we need to share personal data with a third party, we carry out due diligence and take reasonable steps to ensure it is stored securely and adequately protected

## Disposal of records

Personal data that is no longer needed will be disposed of securely. Personal data that has become inaccurate or out of date will also be disposed of securely, where we cannot or do not need to rectify or update it.

For example, we will shred or incinerate paper-based records, and overwrite or delete electronic files. We may also use a third party to safely dispose of records on the school's behalf. If we do so, we will require the third party to provide sufficient guarantees that it complies with data protection law.

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