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Dear Parents / Carers

Important notification to parents: General Data Protection Regulation

From 25th May 2018 the rules around data protection are changing. The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) will change how we can use personal data and keep it safe, and will also strengthen your rights over your and your child's data. You can find out more about this online by searching "GDPR 2018".

The purpose of the regulation is to make sure that sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe. Whilst new arrangements are similar to the current Data Protection Act in many ways, they are a few differences, so we need to make some changes at school in order to ensure we remain compliant.

We specifically need to draw your attention to our new privacy notice for student data attached to this letter. This is also available in the parents' section of the school website under "Data Protection" which details the information we hold and why, the legal bases as to why we are able to hold and use the data, how the data is stored and who we share the data with and why. The notice also informs you how you can request access to the data which we hold, your rights and how you can raise any concerns.

As you know the celebration of student success is very important to us at Priory Woods and we enjoy using wonderful photographs and video footage of our students in action in the classroom and in the many other wonderful activities which they participate in. We currently obtain your consent to capture and use visual images on an annual basis and these are recorded and kept in our school office. Please note that you are free to change your mind and withdraw these consents at any time by writing to or emailing Katherine Frazer, The School Business Manager at office@priorywoodsschools.com, although we do hope that this will not be the case as these images are so important to the progress of our children and the smooth running of our school.

A 'privacy notice for pupils' will also be issued separately to all students over 16.

If you have any questions in relation to this please do not hesitate to give me a ring.

Yours sincerely

Janis French
Headteacher

