

Dear Parents,

The General Data Protection Regulation (hereafter: 'GDPR')¹ has come into effect on 25th May 2018, and is applicable to the European Schools (the Office of the Secretary-General and the 13 Schools).

Each school will be implementing appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure and be able to demonstrate that the processing of the data collected from pupils and parents/legal representatives, is performed in accordance with the GDPR.

The Board of Governors set up in April 2017 a "Data Protection Working Group" and mandated the Group to:

- identify the current and future needs of the European Schools with respect to data protection and to identify measures to be taken to comply with the GDPR;
- establish an Action Plan in order to take all appropriate and necessary measures.

As of January 2018, a Data Protection Officer (DPO) at the Office of the Secretary-General has been in post. Her task is to provide guidance to the 13 European Schools.

Our school has also appointed a DPO Correspondent who will support the Director in the implementation of the data protection policy in the school.

Data protection training for the teachers and the School's staff is planned within the next weeks in order for them to be fully aware of data protection requirements.

Please be also informed that you will be provided with a Privacy Statement to be fully informed of the data being collected from you and your children, how this data is processed, for what purposes it is used and what your rights are in respect to the collection and processing of this data.

If you have any questions on how we handle your personal information and the personal information of your children, please raise your concerns with our school's Data Protection Correspondent (WOL-DPO@partner.eursc.eu).

Please be assured that the European Schools are committed to respecting your privacy and the privacy of your children and to complying with the requirements of the GDPR.

S. Sharron,

Director

¹ Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), (OJL 119,4.5.2016).