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Dear Parents,

I am writing to you with regards to the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), which come into force on 25th May 2018. This gives us an opportunity to access and review the data we hold and process.

The data we hold is already compliant, we are simply updating our systems and policies to ensure compliance with the new regulations.

We have updated our Privacy notice to ensure we are being transparent about how we collect data on you and your child, why we collect that data and who we share that data with, the updated Privacy notice is available on our website at www.bluecoatwollaton.co.uk, or you can contact the office for a copy.

We sought your consent on the data collection form when your child joined the academy for your child's digital image to be used for promoting the Academy, including marketing material such as prospectus and Update Magazine, media, website and social media. In order to be compliant with the new GDPR regulations we need to change the way this consent is sought, this includes who is consenting and a breakdown of what is being consented.

The GDPR regulations give children the same rights as adults over their personal data. These include the rights to access their personal data; request rectification; object to processing, have their personal data erased and consenting to the use of their data. When relying on consent, we will have regard to whether the student understands what their consent means. Taking all of this into consideration we are asking the following:

KS3 (Year 7 & 8)

We are requesting that all parents sign the attached consent forms of the younger students, given their age and maturity we would encourage informed conversations between children and their parents when completing the consent.

KS4 (year 9 – 11)

The older children will be able to give their own consent as is their legal right, in order to help them to fully understand this, we will be talking to them in tutor times and through Acts of Worship and they will be completing these forms during their tutor period in the first few weeks back after half term. Although the regulations give children full rights over their data we also appreciate that parents will want to know what their child is consenting to. There is a standard consent form attached to this letter so that parents can review what is being requested. Should the Academy determine that a student in Yr 9 – 11 does not have the capacity to fully understand what they are consenting to parental consent will be sought. This would be in a minimal amount of circumstances, with specific reasons for doing so.

We really value using videos and photos to be able to showcase our amazing students and show what life at our Bluecoat Wollaton is like to others, so we would appreciate you taking the time to give consent. If you are a parent of a Year 7 or 8 child, complete the attached a consent form and return this by 25th May 2018.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Anderson,
Principal, Bluecoat Wollaton Academy