

Dear Principal,

I am reaching out to inform you that the Data Protection Commission (DPC) has recently published **four short guides for parents on children's data protection rights** under the GDPR. These guides are intended to help parents to understand their children's rights and to answer questions that can arise in typical situations where those rights apply.

I would be grateful if you would consider sharing these guides with parents of children in your school or publicising links to them on your school's website. This will help to ensure that more parents have the opportunity to read them and learn about their children's data protection rights. The DPC hopes that these guides **will also be useful to educators** and anyone interested in children's safety and wellbeing online.

English and Irish language versions of our guides can be found on our website by clicking on the following links. I have included more information on each of the guides below:

- <https://www.dataprotection.ie/en/dpc-guidance/my-childs-data-protection-rights> (English)
- <https://www.dataprotection.ie/ga/dpc-guidance/Cearta-Cosanta-Sonrai-Mo-Linbh> (Irish)

My child's data protection rights – the basics

- This outlines some of the issues that can arise when a parent seeks to exercise data protection rights on behalf of their child.

Children's data and parental consent

- This looks at the meaning of the 'age of digital consent' and outlines when parents' consent may be needed for processing their child's personal data, and how parents can approach those cases.

Protecting my child's data

- This is intended to help parents understand the rights that they have in relation to their children's data and gives some useful advice on how to protect their children's rights.

Are there any limits on my child's data protection rights?

- This outlines some important limits to how and when children's data protection rights may be exercised, whether by children themselves or by parents on their behalf. It outlines some common situations where these can arise and suggests ways in which parents can address them.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance in sharing these materials, and if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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