CloudSchool & the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

What is GDPR?

On 25 May 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will be enforced across Europe, replacing the Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC and therefore the Data Protection Act 1998.

Although this law comes from the EU, it will have a global impact. It will affect any business holding personal data relating to a living individual which could be customers, prospects or employees based within the EU. Despite Brexit, the UK will still need to comply with this legislation.

If organisations neglect to comply with the new GDPR, they can be fined up to €20m or 4% of their global annual turnover. It is therefore vital that organisations begin preparing for the new regulation now.

What does this mean for Schools?

Your Management Information System (MIS) is designed to hold Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Naturally, some of this information relates to children and will be of a sensitive nature. A school will have valid reasons to store and retain most of this data i.e. to conduct its core business in educating pupils, known as 'Legitimate Interest'. Where personal or sensitive data is held for any other purpose by schools 'Legitimate Interest' will not apply'. Schools will need to ensure they have a Data protection Officer (DPO) in place, and all CloudSchool users will need to ensure they remain compliant with GDPR and the new standards.

How can Advanced help?

CloudSchool v18.1 will include new fields which you will need to complete to capture consent from parents, guardians, staff and other contacts.

Launching in April 2018, the new Data Protection Officer (DPO) console will be available to all CloudSchool users as an additional module. This will enable you to monitor and manage your school's GDPR status from a central point. The console will include a comprehensive suite of reports and additional product functionality to help your school meet the new GDPR requirements.

Key benefits

> New product functionality to support the extra requirements of GDPR

CloudSchool v18.1 brings schools the facility to easily store data consent information and log Subject Access Request (SARs). With the new module, which will be available with v18.2, you will be able to centrally manage the many different GDPR requests such as the logging of Right for Rectification, Restriction, Portability and Data Breaches. Alongside, there will be enhanced functionality to manage Contacts and handle 'Right to be Forgotten' deletions.

> GDPR reports

Save valuable time with our comprehensive suite of GDPR reports. With the new console, your DPO will easily be able to gather information from key areas within CloudSchool including consent, subject access requests, data retention and more. These reports will be ready immediately to be added to your DPO's console and set up to meet your Data Protection Officer's specific requirements.

> Easy to use web-based console

CloudSchool administrators can quickly build and customise a DPO console to include GDPR widgets and the ability to easily run GDPR reports. This console can be centrally distributed to different roles such as Principals, Senior Management and Data Protection Officers.

Training & Consultancy

Training and consultancy offerings are also available to help you ensure that your school is GDPR compliant in your use of CloudSchool.

Third party integration

As a Cloud service provider Advanced is considered a Data Processor under GDPR and any "sub contracted" use of data from an application requires disclosure and adherence to GDPR. Partners will need to sign up to a Sub-Processor agreement / data sharing agreement and Advanced will not give access to the API if we do not receive this signed agreement.

Find out more

For more information on how we can help you on your journey to compliance using CloudSchool, please contact your account manager.

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