



## Protection of Children's Biometric Information

### Introduction

We actively promote democracy, the rule of the law, individual liberty and mutual respect of those with different faiths and beliefs. These are fundamental British Values which underpin all that we offer, as does our School Motto 'Not for oneself but for all.'

### Scope

This Notice should be read in conjunction with our Privacy Notice and Data Protection Policy.

In the context of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012, a "child" means a person under the age of 18.

### Definition

Biometric information is information about an individual's external characteristics. In the context of this Notice, biometric information would be fingerprint images or photographs of the individual for the purpose of facial recognition.

### Notice

St Hilary's School does not currently collect fingerprint information or other biometric information to be used as part of an automated biometric recognition system.

If the School were to adopt this recognition system, the School would comply with the requirements of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.

Parents/Carers would be notified before any biometric recognition system is put in place or before their child first takes part in it. The School would get written consent from at least one parent/carer before any biometric data is taken from their child and processed.

The Parent/Carer would have the right to choose not to use the School's biometric system, and would provide alternative means of accessing the relevant services for those children, if a biometric system were to come into effect.

Parents/Carers would have the right to withdraw consent at any time, and any relevant data already collected would be deleted.

As required by law, if a child refuses to participate in, or continue to participate in, the processing of their biometric data, we will not process that data irrespective of any consent given by the child's Parents/Carers. If the School were to adopt a biometric recognition system, consent would be obtained from staff and other adults before they first take part in it, and provide alternative means of accessing the relevant service if they object. Staff and other adults would also be able to withdraw their consent at any time, and the School would delete any relevant data already captured.

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