

## **Avon House School Humanities Policy**



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## **Data Breach Procedure**

## **Data Breach Reporting Procedure**

- **1. Reporting a Breach** On discovering a data breach or potential breach, staff must inform the Data Protection Officer (DPO) immediately, or in their absence, the Head Teacher.
- **2. Assessment of the Breach** The DPO will assess each report to determine whether a personal data breach has occurred. This includes situations where personal data has been accidentally or unlawfully:
  - Lost
  - Stolen
  - Destroyed
  - Altered
  - Disclosed
  - Accessed by unauthorised persons
- **3. Internal Notification** The DPO will notify the Head Teacher or, when unavailable, the Deputy Head, of the situation.
- **4.** Containment and Recovery The DPO will take appropriate steps to contain and mitigate the breach, with support from relevant staff as necessary.
- **5. Notification to the ICO** If the breach is likely to result in a risk to individuals' rights and freedoms, the DPO will notify the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) without undue delay and, where feasible, within 72 hours of becoming aware of the breach.
- **6. Record Keeping** The DPO will maintain a log of all data breaches, including those not reported to the ICO, to ensure accountability and facilitate future audits or reviews.
- **7.** Communication with Affected Individuals If the breach is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals, the DPO will notify affected individuals without undue delay. Communication will be clear and include:
  - The nature of the breach
  - Recommended actions
  - Contact details for further information

Where relevant, third parties who can help mitigate any potential harm will also be informed.

**8. Post-Incident Review** Following any breach, the DPO and Head Teacher will meet as soon as practicable to:



- Review the incident
- Identify causes
  Implement necessary improvements to prevent recurrence