

# Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)

**System:** Sonar Pupil Assessment Data System

**Organisation:** Schools for Every Child Trust

**Date:** Nov 2024

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## Purpose

The purpose of this DPIA is to identify and address potential privacy and data protection risks associated with the use of the Sonar Pupil Assessment Data System for managing and analyzing student assessment data within Schools for Every Child Trust.

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## Project Overview

Sonar is a digital platform designed to help schools monitor, record, and analyze pupil assessment data, providing valuable insights into student progress and performance. Schools for Every Child Trust intends to use Sonar to:

- Track pupil assessment and progress over time.
  - Support teachers and leaders in identifying areas of student need.
  - Facilitate data-driven decision-making for educational improvement.
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## Key Information Processing Activities

- **Data Collection:** Personal information collected includes pupil details (first and last name, date of birth, year group), assessment scores, and other relevant academic performance indicators.
  - **Data Usage:** Data is used for monitoring and improving individual pupil progress, supporting teaching strategies, and meeting statutory reporting requirements.
  - **Data Storage and Retention:** Data is securely stored on Sonar's servers, and retention aligns with our Trust's policies and any legal requirements.
  - **Access Control:** Only authorized staff members have access to pupil data within the system, which is protected by secure logins and role-based access.
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## Risks and Mitigation

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Data Security</b>	Risk of unauthorized access or data breach.	Sonar uses encryption, access controls, and secure logins.
<b>Compliance with GDPR</b>	Sonar's cloud storage must align with GDPR, particularly regarding data storage locations.	Sonar complies with GDPR, storing data securely within compliant jurisdictions.
<b>Retention Policy Compliance</b>	Pupil data retention may differ between Sonar's and the Trust's policies.	Ensure that Sonar's retention policies align with the Trust's data management policy.
<b>Subject Access Requests (SARs)</b>	The Trust may receive requests for access to or deletion of pupil data from parents or guardians.	Sonar provides tools for fulfilling SARs in accordance with GDPR.
<b>Data Accuracy</b>	Inaccurate data input or data processing could impact decisions about pupil progress.	Regular data quality checks are enforced within Sonar.

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## **Roles and Responsibilities**

- **Data Controller:** Schools for Every Child Trust
- **Data Processor:** Sonar Pupil Assessment Data System

Schools for Every Child is responsible for ensuring that data managed within Sonar is handled in compliance with GDPR and our Trust's policies. Sonar acts as the Data Processor, implementing technical and organizational measures to safeguard data.