Children’s data protection in an education setting

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Draft guidelines

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Draft guidelines and topics for further work

- Fundamental principles of data processing and child rights
- Recommendations for legislators and policy makers
- Recommendations for data controllers
- Recommendations on processing in practice for educational settings
- Recommendations for industry
- Recommendations on processing in emerging technologies
- What difference does distance learning make?
- What more may be needed
“The sensitivity of digitized pupil and student data should not be underestimated”

A day-in-the-life

Big Data Wheel: a day in the life of an 11 year old school child
artwork created by Nadia Snopek

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‘technology procurement is thus one of the largest democratic vulnerabilities that exists today.’

Bianca Wylie, on Toronto’s ‘SideWalk Labs’ in the Boston Review (May 2020)
State obligations regarding the impact of the business sector

UN General Comment No.16 (2013) sets out state obligations on the impact on the business sector on child rights.

Public procurement contracts should be awarded only to companies that respect child rights.

States should not invest public finances and other resources in business activities that violate children’s rights.
The greatest challenges which must be solved

The rights of the child and role of the legal guardian.

Consent in a compulsory setting with imbalance of power.

Emerging technologies and questions that go beyond data protection.
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