

Protecting Personal Data in the Educational Setting?



Children and Students' Data

• Surrounding issues

The Current Situation



 President's directive, instructs all final year students to go back to school and follow the prescribed health pro tocols highlighted to curtail the COVID 19 pandemic in schools.

 As part of the health protocols are to process some sensitive information which may include health data, bio data, travel history, etc

Data Subjects of Educational Facilities

Rights and Principles

- Students
- Teaching staff
- Non-Teaching Staff
- Visitors
- Suppliers, etc.

Purpose limitation, Data minimization, Access limitation, Data Security, Data Retention, Health Data



The Rights of Data Subjects



In the current dispensation (COVID 19 pandemic)

- COVID-19 may be considered imminent threat to public health or safety
 " measures to be taken by school authorities are meant to protect the hea
 lth of their data subjects and the general public.
- However, these extraordinary grounds for data processing may be used to justify only necessary and reasonable measures.



What schools must do

- Educate Students and families about respecting the privacy of individuals
- Avoiding stigmatization
- Knowledge and understanding about information sharing with critical stakeholders
 - Need to know basis only
- Fair processing Notices
 - Clear and plain language
 - Enabling transparency



What schools must do

- Security Measures (Manual and Digital records)
 - Retention
 - Disposal plans
 - International transfers
 - Environmental security
 - Peripheral Devices
- Subject Access Requests
 - Empowering students to assert themselves
 - Parents regarding Children
 - Access to education records



What schools must do

- Information Sharing (Health Data re Covid-19)
 - Enabling transparency for students and parents
 - Managing Consent
- New Policies
 - Communication
 - emails, byod, chatrooms, distance learning, social distancing
 - E-safety
 - Use of mobile phones, websites, inappropriate matter
- Appointment of Data Protection Officers (Supervisors)
 - Implementation of a privacy program
 - Enforcing the requirements of the Act.





Thank you



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