# ST. JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION INTERNATIONAL

# **Data Protection Consent Clause & Policy**

## **Background**

The Singapore Personal Data Protection Act - 2012 (PDPA) establishes a data protection law that comprises various rules governing the collection, use, disclosure and care of personal data. It recognises both the rights of individuals to protect their personal data, including rights of access and correction, and the needs of organisations to collect, use or disclose personal data for legitimate and reasonable purposes.

The PDPA takes into account the following concepts:

- **Consent** Organisations may collect, use or disclose personal data only with the individual's knowledge and consent (with some exceptions);
- Purpose Organisations may collect, use or disclose personal data in an appropriate manner for the circumstances, and only if they have informed the individual of purposes for the collection, use or disclosure; and
- Reasonableness Organisations may collect, use or disclose personal data only for purposes that would be considered appropriate to a reasonable person in the given circumstances.

#### Consent

For the purposes of school students it is reasonable and accepted that parental consent is sufficient. In addition to parents, we will also need to get explicit permission from staff (any adult who we store data on) in order to use their data as an employer.

#### **Parental Consent Clause**

The school will collect and use personal data about you and your child in accordance with the Singapore Personal Data Protection Act (2012.) You consent to us using such personal data as set out in the school's 'Data Protection Policy' which is available on the school's website and may be amended from time to time and where otherwise reasonably necessary for the school to provide appropriate services.

#### **Staff Consent Clause**

The school will collect and use personal data about you in accordance with the Singapore Personal Data Protection Act (2012.) You consent to us using such personal data as set out in the school's 'Data Protection Policy' which is available on the school's website and may be amended from time to time and where otherwise reasonably necessary for the school to provide you employment.

Staff who have children enrolled at the school should provide permission twice, once for themselves as an employee and once as a parent.

#### **Implied Consent**

Where a person has made a free decision to opt in to a process or situation where the collection or use of personal data can be reasonably expected, then implied permission can be assumed, but should still be highlighted.

Situations where implied consent should be highlighted:

- Staff Online Applications (when applications are submitted)
- Student Online Applications (the admissions process prior to acceptance)
- Alumni Website Sign-up
- Events (either displayed at the entrance or on tickets to cover the taking and use of photos)
- Campus CCTV

## **Data Protection Policy**

The school collects and uses personal data about staff, students and families in accordance with the Singapore Personal Data Protection Act - 2012 (PDPA) and other relevant laws and requirements on private education institutions in Singapore.

#### **Data Collected and Purpose**

The school holds personal data on its students, including: contact details, assessment/examination results, attendance information, behaviour and characteristics such as ethnic group, special educational needs, any relevant medical information, and photographs.

The data is used in order to support the education of the students, to monitor and report on their progress, to provide appropriate personal and social care, and to assess the performance of the school as a whole, together with any other uses normally associated with this provision in an independent school environment.

The school may make use of limited personal data (such as contact details) relating to students, their parents or guardians for fundraising, marketing or promotional purposes and to maintain relationships with students of the school.

Data is shared as necessary with third party companies to provide extended services, examples include transport, medical, catering, travel services and online services such as email.

In particular, the school may:

a. Make available information to any internal organisation or society set up for the purpose of maintaining contact with students or for administration, fundraising, marketing or promotional purposes relating to the school, e.g. Alumni. The school will remain as the data controller and this policy will govern data usage.

- b. Make use of photographs, videos or sound recordings of students in school publications, the school website and other official school communication channels.
- c. Photographs, videos or sound recordings of students will not be used in publicity campaigns placed with external media outlets without the express permission of the relevant family.
- d. Make personal data, including sensitive personal data, available to staff for planning activities and trips, both in and outside of Singapore.
- e. Retain and use personal data after a student has graduated to provide references, educational history and alumni services consistent with an independent school environment.

#### **Data Security**

The school undertakes to:

- a. implement appropriate security measures to protect personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction or accidental loss, alteration, unauthorized disclosure or access, in particular when the processing of data involves the transmission or storage on or within a network.
- b. that it shall notify data subjects about any accidental or unauthorised access of their data that may lead to damage or harm.

#### **Data Retention & Removal**

The school undertakes that it shall only keep the data collected as long as is necessary to provide the services outlined above.

#### **Right of Access and Correction**

Families have a right to see the data held about them (subject to the exemptions listed below) and to request for data to be corrected if it is incorrect.

Families can access the majority of personal data held about them via the school's online Information Management System. Much of this data is also editable by families in the same location.

To request for data to be changed that you do not have edit rights to, please contact it.support@sji-international.com.sg

To request access to other data please contact the Principal of the relevant school with details of the data that you would like to see and your reasons. The school will consider the request and respond within three working days. The response may be to decline the request with reasons or to provide a time scale in which the data will be supplied.

#### **Exemptions to Right of Access**

The PDPA does not provide the right of access to any and all information held by an organisation. Therefore the school retains the right to refuse access to:

- Opinion data kept for evaluative purposes;
- Examination papers or the results of examinations;
- Confidential references written to support a student's application to other educational institutions or courses;
- Data or material that provides personal data about other individuals in contravention of this policy or the PDPA.

#### **Sharing Data with Third Parties**

The school shares personal data with a variety of third parties for the purposes of the third party providing a relevant service to the institution. Examples of these services include transport, catering, travel services, accommodation, medical.

The school will only share data for the purposes of eliciting a necessary service from these third party organisations and not for commercial gain.

Where the school signs explicit contracts with these organisations it will include clauses from "Appendix A - Contracts with Third Parties" to ensure that the organisation is using the data purely for the intended purpose of providing the required service and that it is taking appropriate precautions to safeguard the data.

In some instances, for example for online services provided by companies outside of Singapore, explicit signed contracts do not exist. In these instances the school will ensure that the terms & conditions of the service include clauses that:

- the school remains the owner of the data
- the service provider is not entitled to use any data held on its service for any purpose other than to provide the required service
- the service provider is taking reasonable precautions to ensure the security of the data
- once the school terminates its agreement with the service provider, that any and all data held will be deleted and not used for any other purpose

#### **Point of Contact**

In the event of any queries or feedback in relation to data protection, please contact SJII\_DPO@sji-international.com.sg