

Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs): Protecting Student Data



What is a DPIA?

A DPIA describes a process designed to identify risks arising out of the processing of personal data and to minimise these risks as far and as early as possible.

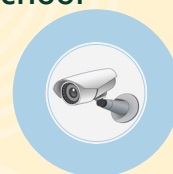
DPIAs are important tools for negating risk, and for demonstrating compliance with the GDPR.



When is a DPIA mandatory?

A DPIA must be carried out where the type of data processing is likely to result to a **high risk** to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

This is most likely to appear within a school context in relation to processing that uses new technologies. For example, introducing a new CCTV system.



If required, a DPIA **must** be completed **before** the data processing has begun.



Carrying out a DPIA demonstrates that the school has considered criteria in detail and is acting responsibly (i.e., **demonstrating compliance** with the GDPR).



You can find a DPIA Template to assist schools in completing the assessment in the 'Data Protection Toolkit for Schools', by scanning the QR code.



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