Aspire Schools Protection of Biometric Information of Children Policy

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1. Purpose and context

Currently Aspire Schools does **not** utilise a biometric automated recognition system biometric and therefore does not have access to biometric information and data of its pupils.

This policy statement explains and confirms our commitment to the rights of children and young people, and their families, as laid out in the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.

2. Approach should Aspire ever adopt a biometric system

Should this situation change (e.g. using pupils' fingerprints), Aspire Schools will ensure that it complies with the requirements of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012, the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018, including:

- Notifying parents/carers before any biometric recognition system is implemented or before their child first takes part in it.
- Gaining written consent from at least one parent/carer before any biometric recognition system takes any biometric data from their child and processes it.
- Enabling pupils and their parents/carers to object to participating in the Trust's biometric recognition system, and putting alternative systems in place for these students.
- Respecting the rights of students to make the decision to opt out of biometric systems even if their parent or carer has consented.
- Obtaining written consent from staff or other adults before they first take part in any biometric system, and providing alternative means of accessing the relevant service if they object.
- Putting systems in place so that if anyone changes their mind and withdraws consent, any stored data is deleted.