

**Sent:** 20 September 2017

**Subject:** Important information for schools – EA prepares for GDPR



**Message from the  
Chief Executive**

Dear Principal,

In my recent video message, I talked about key EA activities coming up this term. An important programme for all schools to be aware of this year is “ea Think Data.”

This is a programme to help schools, governors and the wider education sector prepare to meet the requirements of the new Data Protection Law, known as GDPR, which comes into effect in May 2018.

GDPR will impact all organisations that hold personal information, including public authorities and schools.

We have developed the “ea Think Data” campaign in partnership with the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO). It includes a series of online webinar broadcasts as well as online resources for schools.

The first programme ‘Get Ready for GDPR’ will be available to watch online at [www.eani.org.uk/eaThinkData](http://www.eani.org.uk/eaThinkData) from 15:00 on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

It will also be available to download so you can watch at a time that is most convenient to you.

It is vital that schools are ready for GDPR. You should ensure that “ea Think Data” webinars and resources are available to your staff and governors.

Support and advice is available from the Education Authority’s Corporate Information Team on 028 8241 1300 or email [thinkdata@eani.org.uk](mailto:thinkdata@eani.org.uk)

To register for the online webinar ‘Get Ready for GDPR’ click on the link below:

[www.eani.org.uk/eaThinkData](http://www.eani.org.uk/eaThinkData)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Boyd', is written over a faint, light blue outline of a signature.

**GAVIN BOYD**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**