

MATHS CIRCLE
GDPR AND DATA PROTECTION – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Your data is safe with Maths Circle. Data privacy compliance is very important to us. We are committed to safeguarding any personal data we process on behalf of our users and apply the same compliance standards to our school, student, parent and tutor/tutee data, as we do our own.

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2.	Do you meet the requirements of the ICO's Age Appropriate Design Code?	<p>We are pleased to confirm that Maths Circle complies with the UK ICO's Age Appropriate Design Code. We have carried out full data protection impact assessments of both of our platforms, Times Tables Rock Stars and NumBots, and have implemented minor changes to ensure that we are compliant with the UK ICO's recommendations. By way of example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Interests of the Child - Both TTRS and NumBots have been designed to support and encourage children to achieve better maths outcomes, whilst respecting their key rights which are illustrated by the Code, including privacy rights. • Privacy settings are set to high by default • Our platforms do not contain geo-location services which reveal a user's location • We don't have any advertisements, in-app purchases or chat/messaging functions in our programmes, nor do we use any "nudge techniques" to encourage children to share data; • All data is limited by default on our programmes and it is clear to school staff when data is optional to provide • Transparency - We have a child friendly privacy notice to help children understand what we do with their data. This is accessible via the "Privacy Notice" button on our play sites.
3.	Do you pay the UK ICO data protection fee?	Yes, we do. Our UK ICO registration number is ZA250537.
4.	Do your standard contract terms include the new GDPR mandatory provisions?	<p>Yes. Our standard terms and conditions contain a Data Processing Agreement in the Schedule, which includes the mandatory GDPR contractual provisions relating to data sharing between data controllers and data processors.</p> <p>This means that separate data processing agreements or sharing agreements with schools are not needed.</p> <p>Please refer to the Schedule of our Terms and Conditions titled "Data Protection with Schools" on our websites.</p>

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5.	Do your standard contract terms propagate down, within a formal contract, to your subcontract providers involved in the service to our school?	Yes, we do have GDPR compliant terms in place with all our sub-contractor providers who have access to the personal data that we hold from our customers.
6.	Please detail all sub-contractors, included in the provision of your service to our school.	These are listed in Appendix B to the Schedule of our respective Terms and Conditions which can be found on our websites.
7.	Are you maintaining Data Processing Records? As outlined in Article 30 of GDPR	Yes, both as a Data Controller and a Data Processor.
8.	Do you have a Data Protection Officer?	We are not obliged to do so under GDPR due to the size and type of our organisation, but Nicola Reddy (nicola@mathscircle.com) is our team member who deals with all data protection matters.
9.	Can you confirm our right to have personal data deleted or upon termination of contract at no extra cost?	Confirmed. You have a "right to be forgotten" and can delete all of your personal data by navigating to " Subscription Details " – and pressing " Delete ". Alternatively, we can delete your personal data for you upon written request to support@mathscircle.com . The deletion process may take up to 10 days for all data to delete from our backup systems.
10.	What is your data retention policy?	<p>We will delete users' personal data where we no longer have a legitimate business need to process or hold it. We may have to retain and use personal information if required to comply with our legal and regulatory obligations, to resolve disputes, and/or to enforce our terms and conditions.</p> <p>Our policy is to automatically delete all student/child data from school accounts, tutor accounts and family accounts 90 days after expiry of a free trial or expiry of a subscription, where no renewal or pending subscription has been requested by that school, tutor or family. Please note that subscriptions are not automatically renewed at expiry. The main contact will be notified by us of our deletion policy prior to expiry of the subscription, and again prior to deletion of the student data. Deleted student/child data cannot be retrieved following deletion.</p>
11.	Do you have a data privacy policy and/or fair processing notice	Yes, we do. Please refer to our websites for our Privacy Notices. We also have a child friendly privacy notice.

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	which meets GDPR requirements?	
12.	Do your contracts of employment contain confidentiality and gross misconduct clauses, in the context of customer's data privacy?	Yes, they do.
13.	Do you use cloud storage, and if so, which provider?	Yes, we use Google Drive for office documents.
14.	Where is data stored and is it secure?	<p>Our school data is stored securely on the following secure servers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hetzner servers based in Germany: https://www.hetzner.com/rechtliches/datenschutz • Amazon Web Services back up servers based in Europe; and https://aws.amazon.com/ • Heroku servers based in Europe: https://www.heroku.com/ <p>Data is encrypted in transit and our team uses secure passwords with multi-factor authentication to keep your data safe.</p> <p>We don't transfer your data outside of the EU. Some of our third party processors (e.g. Stripe and Shopify) store data outside of the EU, but in each case this is strictly pursuant to, and in accordance with, GDPR compliant contractual safeguard provisions including, for example, use of SCCs.</p>
15.	What data do you collect and for what purpose?	<p>Please refer to our privacy policy for full details, but in summary we collect:</p> <p>Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School's name, address (for billing purposes and account name) • Teachers' names, email addresses (so we can provide you with an account and contact you) • Students' names, year groups and maths classes (to administer accounts)

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		<p>Family & Tutor Subscriptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address (for billing purposes) • Parents'/Tutors' names and email addresses (so we can provide you with an account and contact you) • Children's names (to administer accounts) <p>Other data including students' dates of birth and gender is optional to provide for impact reporting purposes and to run gender battles in TTRS, but this is not essential to use and operate the product.</p>
16.	Do you share our data with anyone?	<p>We keep all personal information confidential and do not sell or knowingly divulge user's information to advertisers or any external third parties.</p> <p>We will only disclose your personal information in very limited circumstances, which are set out in our Privacy Policy which can be found on our websites.</p>
17.	Are user names publicly available on your platforms?	<p>Every user on our platforms creates their own avatar which can be used to shield their public identity. Rock Names (for TTRS) and Bot Names (for NumBots) are used by default instead of Real Names on school leaderboards, competition results and in multi-player games. Students now also have the option in TTRS to "Hide me" in their settings, which means that their scores will not appear in any leaderboard to their classmates (albeit teachers will still have full access to the student name and stats).</p>
18.	Do you hold financial information?	<p>We don't hold any financial information. All credit card payments are handled by Stripe.</p> <p>https://stripe.com/gb</p>
19.	Can we stop getting emails from you?	<p>All users have a right to opt-out of marketing communications at any time. Users can exercise this right by either clicking on the "unsubscribe" or "opt-out" link in any marketing e-mails we send, or by updating their details on the "My Details" page of our website. Alternatively, users can contact us using the contact details provided below.</p>
20.	Do you hold any cyber security accreditation?	<p>Yes, our UK company - Maths Circle Ltd - has Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus certification.</p>
21.	Do your services make use of cookies or similar technology?	<p>We use a number of cookies either necessary for our services to operate, or to help us understand how our websites and applications are used. You can find more information in our Cookie Notice on our websites.</p>

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22.	Have you carried out risk assessments to consider the impact of the information you process?	Yes, we have carried out our own internal DPIAs (Data Protection Impact Assessments) for both Times Tables Rock Stars and NumBots. We generally do not publish these, but please contact us if you wish to review them.
23.	Do you have an EU/Swiss Data Representative?	Yes, they are: Datarep 77 Camden Street Lower, Dublin, D02 XE80, Ireland – datarequest@datarep.com

If you have any questions or concerns about our use of your personal information, please contact us using the following details: support@mathscircle.com.