

St Margaret's C E Primary School

Website PECR and Cookie Policy 2025

The Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR) cover the use of cookies and similar technologies for storing information, and accessing information stored on a user's equipment such as a computer or mobile device.

The latest guidance from the ICO [here](#) gives clear guidance on how the 'cookie warning' must work.

It is no longer compliant to have a cookie warning with a simple 'OK' button or a 'read more' that takes the user to a page that lists the cookies.

Schools-Online does not use Cookies as personal information is not collected when visitors view your website. Data is now collected anonymously in aggregate only, which allows us to collect information on how the website is used, while allowing visitors to enjoy browsing your website. However, we do have a GDPR and ICO compliant Cookie System should it be required.

Cookies

To make this site work properly, we sometimes place small data files called cookies on your device. Most big websites do this too.

What are cookies?

A cookie is a small text file that a website saves on your computer or mobile device when you visit the site. It enables the website to remember your actions and preferences (such as login, language, font size and other display preferences) over a period of time, so you don't have to keep re-entering them whenever you come back to the site or browse from one page to another.

How do we use cookies?

A number of our pages use cookies to remember:

if you have already replied to a pop-up that displays important content (so you won't be asked again)

if you have agreed (or not) to our use of cookies on this site

Third party cookies

We use Google Analytics to track visitor usage to our site. This helps us understand which pages are visited most and how we can develop our site to have relevant content available. Further details of the Google Analytics Cookies can be found here:

<https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/analyticsjs/cookie-usage>

Also, some videos embedded in our pages use a cookie to anonymously gather statistics on how you got there and what videos you visited.

Enabling these cookies is not strictly necessary for the website to work but it will provide you with a better browsing experience. You can delete or block these cookies, but if you do that some features of this site may not work as intended.

The cookie-related information is not used to identify you personally and the pattern data is fully under our control. These cookies are not used for any purpose other than those described here.

How to control cookies

You can control and/or delete cookies as you wish – for details, see aboutcookies.org. You can delete all cookies that are already on your computer and you can set most browsers to prevent them from being placed. If you do this, however, you may have to manually adjust some preferences every time you visit a site and some services and functionalities may not work.