

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY

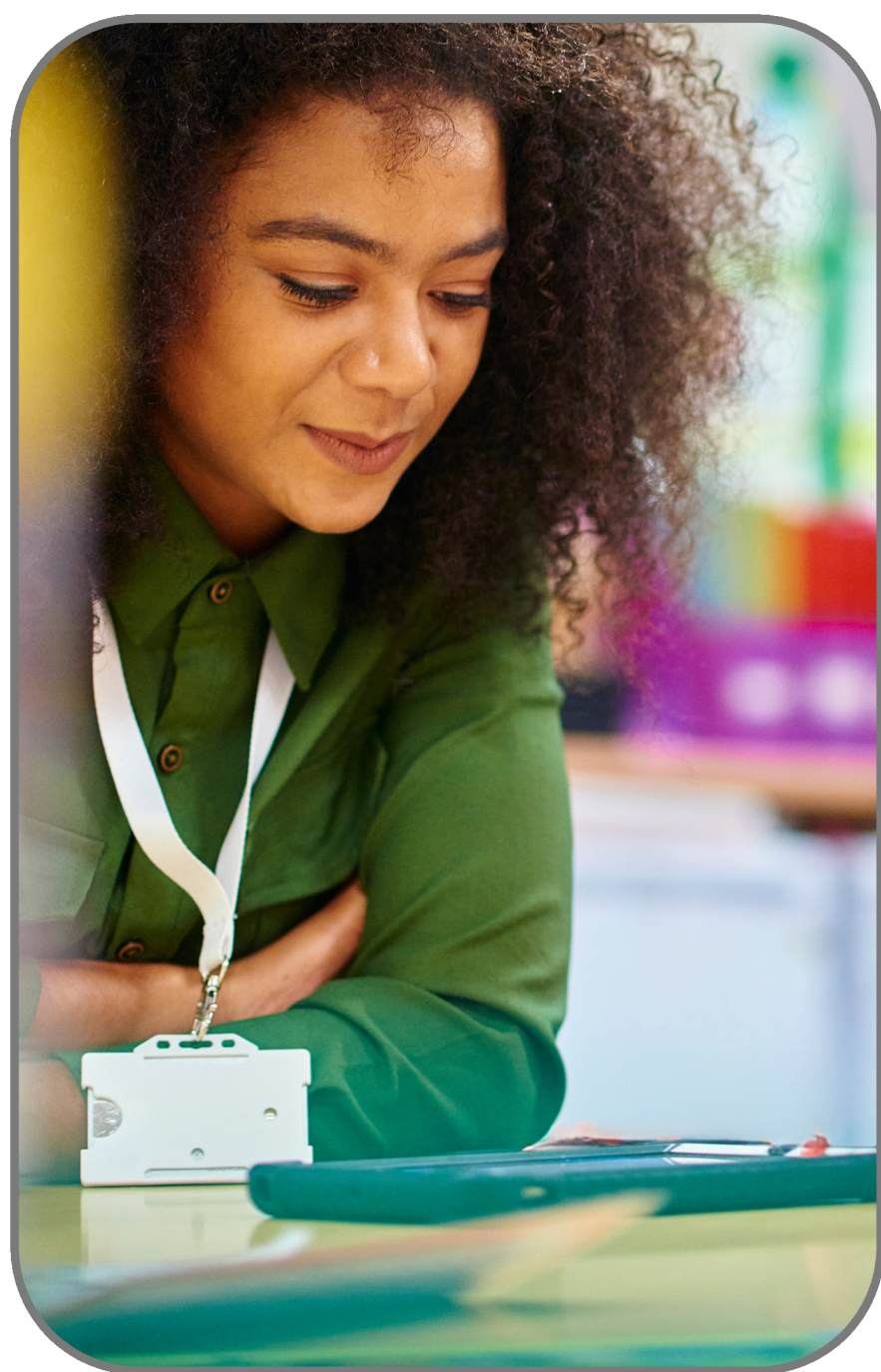
- **Safeguard Children:**
- **Uphold Professionalism:**
- **Facilitates Intervention:**

Confidentiality Helps:

Protects sensitive information, building trust and honesty.
Maintains ethical standards & avoids legal consequences
Information sharing and teamwork enables professionals to identify and address concerns promptly, preventing any harm.

Key Principles:

- **Confidentiality:** Helps foster trust, protects sensitive information, and empowers children and team members to disclose concerns safely.
- **Informed Consent:** Ensures individuals understand how their information will be used and shared, except when safeguarding overrides this need.
- **Collaborative Action:** Enables professionals to work together effectively to identify, assess, and respond to concerns about children's well-being.
- **Data Protection:** Adheres to GDPR and guidelines from the Data Protection Act of 2018, ensuring responsible and secure handling of personal data.
- **Access to Records:** Balances the rights of parents to access their child's records with the need to protect confidentiality and third-party information.
- **Child-Centric Approach:** Places the child's best interests at the forefront of all decisions and actions.



When to Break Confidentiality:



Sharing Essential Info

Allergies, medical needs, Special Educational Needs or Disabilities



Child at Risk

Signs of abuse, neglect, self-harm or involvement in crime



Safeguarding Concerns

Explain to children that info may be shared for their protection

Remember:

Prioritise child safety by reporting concerns promptly to your Designated Safeguarding Lead. Communicate openly with parents and children about confidentiality, emphasising its limits and the importance of information sharing. Adhere to safeguarding and data protection policies for responsible practice.

**Confidentiality is
everyone's responsibility**

Key Legislation:

- Data Protection Act 2018 & GDPR
- Children Act 2004
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)

