If you or your child agree to use biometrics in schools, consent is valid until it is withdrawn, or when the child leaves the school if agreed in the initial school sign up terms. However, it can be overridden at any time if one parent/legal guardian or the child objects to the processing.

A child can withdraw consent to the processing of their biometric data or decline at any stage – i.e. before the processing takes place or at any point after their biometric data has been obtained and is being used as part of a biometric recognition system.

If a pupil objects, the educational setting and providers must not start to process the biometric data or, if they are already doing so, must stop.

There is also Department for Education official guidance online.⁵

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⁵ DfE 2022 Guidance on Biometrics in Schools

**We suggest wording below that one might use in email or in print to withdraw consent:**

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**USE THIS TEMPLATE**

**WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT FOR BIOMETRIC DATA PROCESSING IN SCHOOL**

I hereby withdraw consent from the school and any data processors for the biometrics of my child (please print name and form/year group).

Child’s name ..............................
Form/year group ..........................
Name of parent ............................
Signature .................................
Date........................................