

This is a summary of the decision of the Commissioner.

By way of an email, the Data Protection Office received a complaint from Complainant against Respondent alleging that:

1. The school has unlawfully and without her permission purposely disclosed personal data relating to her child.
2. The disclosure was unlawful, unnecessary and intended to inflict harm.
3. She requested the school to remedy this breach, but they have failed to do so. The rights of her daughter have been severely prejudiced by the school.

Following the statement provided by Complainant, the Data Protection Office requested the following clarifications from Complainant in order for this office to initiate an enquiry with Respondent:

1. What personal information was disclosed?
2. How did you become aware of the disclosure of personal data of your child?
3. You mentioned in your email that the disclosure was made to an unauthorised third party. Kindly provide this office with details of the unauthorised third party.
4. How the rights of your daughter have been prejudiced by this disclosure?

On the same day, Complainant replied as follows:

“Thank you for your swift response.

I had a meeting with the school today and I made it clear to them that they are not authorised to disclose information pertaining to my daughter, which I trust they understand.

You may close the complaint.”

The Data Protection Commissioner has decided as follows:-

This enquiry is closed to the satisfaction of all parties concerned and no breach of the Data Protection Act has been found.