

Warro - Guide for Teachers

How to use the book

- Please **read the book** with your students. Consider whether it can form part of your school's online safety provision.
- Encourage your students to think about **what personal data is** and **what types of personal data** they, and others, create every day, where it all ends up, and why it needs protecting.
- Please encourage your students to **colour in the pictures** in the book – we kept some of the book illustrations deliberately sparse so that students can add their creativity.
- Have a discussion with your students about **situations where they may want (or not want) to share their personal information**.
- Have a discussion about **other ways that personal data can be collected and used**, other than online (e.g. paper forms, CCTV cameras).



How this book fits into the Bailiwick's Education Strategy and Curriculum

Helping all schools across the Bailiwick to achieve a Rights Respecting Schools Award is one of the workstreams under the current Education Strategy.

This award is part of The United Nations Convention on the rights of the child (UNCRC) which defines the rights and freedoms children should be given and of which the Bailiwick of Guernsey is a signatory.

Many of the articles in the convention can be related to the sharing, storing and processing of '**personal data**' and the impact this can have on the well being of children and young people, despite it being written before the digital age exploded into the lives of our younger generations.

'**Personal data**' is any information about (or related to) an identified or identifiable living individual'. It includes factual information about people, as well as opinions expressed about people.

Examples of personal data include:

- ✓ Your name
- ✓ Your address
- ✓ Your email
- ✓ Your browsing history
- ✓ Your school report
- ✓ Your medical records
- ✓ Any other information related to you

Who wrote this book?

Warro was written by Kirsty Bougourd, a trained teacher who has extensive experience working with child literacy. Kirsty is an outreach officer for the Bailiwick's data protection regulator (The Office of the Data Protection Authority – ODPa). Warro was illustrated by Emma Martins.

Why was this book written?

Stories play a key role in helping the ODPA achieve its strategic aim and statutory obligation under section 61 of the Law 'to promote public awareness of risks, rules, safeguards and rights in relation to processing, especially in relation to children'.

Data and its protection is something that affects us all, regardless of age. Whilst it is a wordy piece of legal text, the principles and rights the data protection law seeks to uphold are, at their core, simply about treating people with respect, dignity and fairness. This aligns strongly with the UNCRC as well as Human Rights law. It serves to remind us of the origins of data protection legislation which were in response to the atrocities of World War II where regimes used data to persecute individuals and groups based on ethnicity and religious beliefs.

We want to communicate these issues in ways that are meaningful and accessible for the whole community. Children and young people are impacted just as adults are and need digital literacy for their present and future lives as tomorrow's technologists, politicians, innovators, and citizens. Stories can be a powerful communication tool, so we hope this book will encourage interest and awareness in our younger citizens, to benefit each child individually and our community collectively.

'Discover Warro's story

The book, 'Warro goes on an adventure' introduces children to a loveable character (a bear called Warro) as she journeys through a world full of personal data. Her adventure brings to life the challenges that exist in our data-hungry world, raising awareness about the risks children face and the rewards of treating personal information respectfully. It introduces youngsters to the concept of personal data and how it can impact our lives.



Why a bear?

One of the early concepts of the ODPA's outreach programme – Project Bijou Seeds – was to use the idea of a favourite toy to help young people to understand their personal data is precious. By asking them to imagine that their data is their favourite bear it is hoped that they will want to look after it, not share it with strangers and be more careful about who they allow to see it. This led to the creation of the 'data bear' reflector that is given out to schools – you can **watch a 90 second video about them at:** <https://youtu.be/UkPIX0kJO3g>. Naming the bear in the book 'Warro' and including her in a story was an extension of this.

Warro is part of Project Bijou Seeds, the ODPA's outreach programme for children and young people.



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If you have questions or feedback about Warro please email communications@odpa.gg.