Welcome to 9ine's AI & Privacy Academy

9ine's privacy professional development programme returns in November 2025. This monthly professional development programme uses interactive sessions, group scenarios and provides supporting resources to engage, develop and grow your expertise in managing data privacy and protection in school.

We created the 9ine AI & Privacy Academy as there is a notable absence of formal structured training for school privacy professionals with limited, if any, professional development that links a framework to the practical actions of managing privacy within the context of a school. And where there are courses that are applicable, the depth of detail is often absent. For this reason we have developed a training programme for education privacy teams to attend, learn, and leave with an instructional understanding of how to embed a culture of privacy in their school.

If you were to encounter a data breach, would you be confident that you or your colleagues could implement the correct procedures to ensure that the incident was handled appropriately, protecting the members of your school community?

How would you and your colleagues respond to a subject access request? Does your school have a grasp on how personal data is being shared with third parties? Where international transfers of personal data are occurring, what are the risks?

If your answers are "I'm not sure" then it's time to start thinking about professional development for your data protection team to get your compliance programme back on track!

The 9ine AI & Privacy Academy is an affordable professional development course that gives your team applicable training from our in-house data protection experts, including resources and interactive learning through participant experiences and plenty of time for questions.

AI & Privacy Academy course schedule

The 2025/26 AI & Privacy Academy is structured as a single stream.

Consultancy Support
As part of the AI & Privacy Academy Experience, each participant school will be allocated a 9ine AI & Privacy Consultant for support. The AI & Privacy Consultant will ensure each school is onboarded, understands the schedule and will be on hand to answer any questions post each session. They will also organise up to three one hour 1:1 (per school) consultancy sessions (worth £480.00 / $600.00) to support understanding and embedding of the topics.

Course Schedule		
*Date/Time	**Academy Course Title**	**Description**
6th November 2025 4pm UK	Introductory Session	An orientation to the programme, introducing key themes of AI, privacy, and regulation in schools. This session sets expectations, outlines the streams, and prepares participants for the journey ahead.
13th November 2025 4pm UK	AI in Education – Risks, Challenges & Emerging Regulations	Understand the risks AI poses to student privacy, ethics, and safeguarding. Explore key regulatory developments such as the EU AI Act and what they mean for schools.
27th November 2025 4pm UK	Accountability & Compliance: Building a Privacy Programme	Learn how to structure a school-wide privacy and AI governance programme, define roles and responsibilities, and demonstrate compliance through documentation and oversight.
11th December 2025 4pm UK	Data Mapping & Lawful Processing – Managing Personal Data	Map your school's personal data flows, understand legal bases for processing, and assess how AI affects data minimisation and purpose limitation.
29th January 2026 4pm UK	Information Rights,Transparency, Oversight & Accountability,	This session explores how schools can uphold individuals' rights while ensuring clear communication, effective oversight, and accountability in the use of data and AI.
5th March 2026	Breach Management &	Build practical skills in breach identification, containment, and reporting. Explore how

4pm UK	Incident Response in Schools	breaches involving AI tools create new challenges for compliance and remediation.
23rd April 2026 4pm UK	Safeguarding & AI – Managing Risks of Harm from AI in Schools	Address safeguarding concerns around AI use, from exposure to harmful content to data misuse. Learn how to assess vendors and embed child safety standards.
4th June 2026 4pm UK	Privacy by Design & Security – Integrating Data Protection into IT Systems	Apply privacy-by-design principles to AI and IT systems. Learn about security risks unique to AI and how to mitigate them through encryption, access controls, and configuration.
18th June 2026 4pm UK	Risk Assessments – DPIAs & Algorithmic Impact Assessments	Practice conducting Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs) and explore how to assess the ethical and privacy risks of AI through Algorithmic Impact Assessments.
16th July 2026 4pm UK	Creating and Embedding Your AI Use Policy	Receive step-by-step guidance on drafting or refining your school's AI use policy. Align policy with best practice in privacy, ethics, and digital safeguarding.

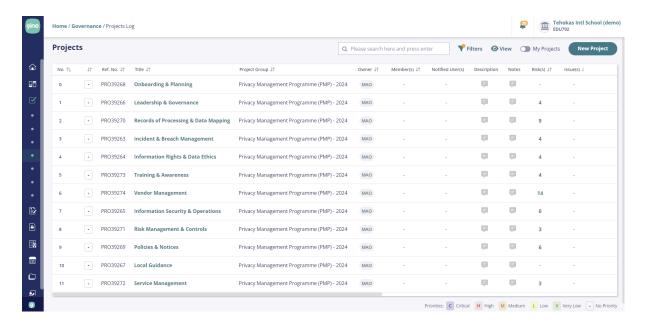*The times and dates in the table above are subject to change.*

Course Schedule - Advanced Sessions		
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15th January 2026 4pm UK	ROPA Risk Analysis – Evaluating Records of Processing Activities	Learn how to evaluate completed Records of Processing Activities (ROPA) to identify, interpret, and prioritise risks.
12th February 2026 4pm UK	Records Retention – Managing Data Lifecycles in Education	Learn how to design retention schedules that balance compliance, safeguarding, and AI-driven data use.
19th March 2026	Managing Complex AI and Privacy Incidents	Navigate high-stakes incidents with confidence.

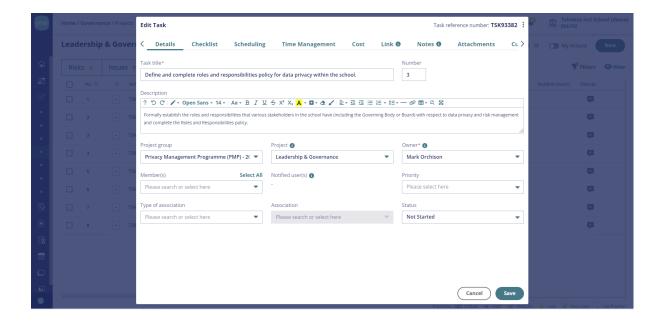| 4pm UK		
7th May 2026 4pm UK	Ethical Auditing of AI Systems in Education	Audit vendor AI tools for fairness, bias, and transparency.
2nd July 2026 4pm UK	Visual Data Ethics: Deepfakes, Consent & Image Safety	Address emerging risks in student image use and digital manipulation.
30th July 2026 4pm UK	Strategic Leadership: AI Governance in Policy & Culture	Drive whole-school adoption of ethical AI frameworks.

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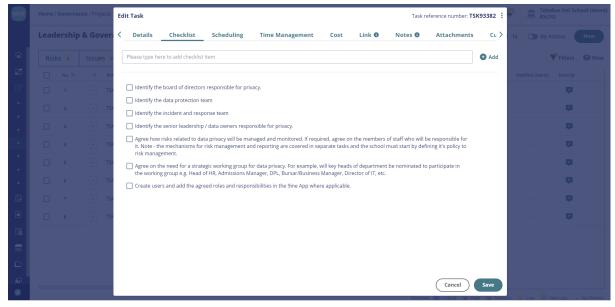
9ine Governance & 9ine Training Academy

The Governance Module and the Training Academy within the 9ine Saas Platform are key components in the delivery of AI & Privacy Academy. The 9ine Governance Module is a powerful platform to operationalise each AI & Privacy Academy module, supporting privacy teams to understand, plan, implement and report on progression.

Within each task checklists provide further clarity on the steps that need to be taken and addressed. Additional powerful features enable your school to manage operationalisation of your privacy programme through scheduling and allocating colleagues to complete tasks, capture time spent, allocate task costs, collaborate on task completion with notes and add attachments.

The granularity of Checklists within each task supports AI & Privacy Academy participants to understand the technical planning, engineering and testing required to successfully complete each component of this privacy programme.

Supporting the scope of each task is a calculation for the amount of time it will take to complete the task and associated checklist. This supports the tech team in planning, resourcing and communicating the scope and timescales for implementation.

9ine AI & Privacy Academy - Meet The Team

Mark Orchison

Mark Orchison serves as the CEO of 9ine Consulting, a leading provider of technology, cyber, and privacy services to schools. With over two decades of experience, Mark is a distinguished thought leader in technology, cyber, and privacy within the education sector. His track record showcases his adeptness in guiding organisations of all scales and domains through evolving digital and regulatory landscapes. Mark regularly shares his insights as a speaker and supports numerous not-for-profit organisations in supporting their member schools to better protect their school data and systems

Julia Pidduck, CIPPE

Julia joined 9ine in January 2024 as Data Privacy and Protection Programme Manager. She has previously spent five years at PRIVO, managing the FTC-approved COPPA safe harbor programme, where she helped app and website publishers to achieve and maintain compliance with COPPA and other privacy regulations in relation to children. Before pursuing a career in data privacy, Julia was focused on digital marketing in the publishing industry, working for the Roald Dahl Story Company, Hachette Book Group and Random House among others.

James Wigginton

James works within 9ine's Accounts team, supporting our global client base in progressing and managing their data protection programmes. James is highly experienced in working with clients in deployment and utilisation of Compliance SaaS solutions to ensure successful operationalizing in governance of risk management, facilitated with over 8 years of Comp-Tech experience.