

## Abraquest Childrens Code Assessment

### Document Information

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### 1. Purpose

Abraquest is a school library management application used by primary and secondary schools to manage library stock, loans, reservations and reporting.

The application is installed within the school's environment and is typically operated by library staff, teachers and authorised school personnel. Pupils may use the application to search the library catalogue.

### 2. Applicability of the Children's Code

Abraquest processes personal data relating to children and is used within educational establishments attended by children under the age of 18. Spherical Software Ltd has therefore assessed the application against the principles of the ICO Age Appropriate Design Code (Children's Code).

### 3. Personal Data Processed

Abraquest stores a limited set of pupil information imported from the school's Management Information System (MIS), such as SIMS or Arbor.

The data processed may include:

- First name
- Surname
- Gender
- Class code
- Year group
- Library borrowing history

No special category data is processed by the application.

### 4. Purpose of Processing

The personal data is processed solely for:

- Library administration
- Book issue and return management
- Stock management
- Educational and reading engagement reporting
- Statistical analysis of library usage

Gender information is used for educational and statistical reporting purposes, allowing schools to analyse reading patterns and engagement across pupil groups.

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### 5. Assessment Against Children's Code Principles

#### **Best Interests of the Child**

The application is designed to support educational outcomes and reading engagement within schools. No features are present that could reasonably be considered detrimental to the wellbeing of children.

#### **Data Minimisation**

Only data necessary for library administration and reporting is processed.

#### **Transparency**

Schools remain the Data Controller and are responsible for informing pupils and parents regarding the use of personal data through their privacy notices.

#### **Profiling**

Abraquest does not perform profiling of children for advertising, marketing or behavioural purposes.

#### **Geolocation**

The application does not collect, store or process location data.

#### **Behavioural Tracking**

The application does not track users across services, websites or applications.

#### **Advertising**

The application contains no advertising, behavioural advertising or commercial targeting functionality.

#### **Social Features**

The application does not provide social networking, messaging or content sharing facilities.

#### **Automated Decision Making**

No automated decision making is carried out using pupil data.

#### **Data Sharing**

Personal data is not shared with third-party advertising, analytics or marketing providers.

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### 6. Security Controls

Abraquest incorporates the following controls:

- User authentication is required.
- Passwords are stored using secure hashing techniques.
- Administrative functions are restricted to authorised users.
- Pupils do not have access to administration, reporting or system configuration functions.
- Access to the application requires authorised access to the school computer system.
- Customer data is logically separated.
- Optional cloud backups are stored within Microsoft Azure using customer-specific access controls.
- Access to backup data is restricted to authorised support personnel for support and recovery purposes only.

### 7. Data Retention

Pupil records are retained only whilst the pupil remains at the school. When a pupil leaves the school, their record is removed from the system in accordance with the school's data management processes.

### 8. Risk Assessment

The overall risk to children is assessed as Low because:

- No advertising is present.
- No behavioural tracking is present.
- No profiling is performed.
- No geolocation data is collected.
- No social networking features are available.
- Personal data collected is limited and proportionate.
- Access controls restrict unauthorised access.

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### **9. Conclusion**

Abraquest is a low-risk educational library management application operating within a controlled school environment.

The application has been assessed against the principles of the ICO Age Appropriate Design Code (Children's Code) and is considered compliant with the applicable requirements for its intended purpose. The application does not include the high-risk features that the Code primarily seeks to regulate, such as behavioural profiling, targeted advertising, geolocation tracking, social networking or automated decision making.