

Fingerprints for School Lunch — Gdańsk's Six-Year Legal Battle Over Children's Biometric Data

AI in Education · Good practice · Poland

Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Poland's data-protection authority fined a Gdańsk primary school for fingerprinting 680 children to pay for lunch. The school fought back and won twice in court, leaving a contested but influential precedent on biometric consent in schools.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	1/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	1/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Scalability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[Primary School No. 2 in Gdańsk](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[UODO fines school PLN 20,000 \(DataGuidance\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[GDPRhub case file — UODO ZSZS.440.768.2018](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[Polish biometric wars — Lexology analysis of the court reversal](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[GDPRhub — WSA w Warszawie, II SA/Wa 809/20](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

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