

# Privacy Notice for School Workforce including Staff, Governors and Adult Learners



**Approved by: Governing Body**

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# Privacy Notice (How we use school workforce information)

We process personal data relating to those we employ to work at, or otherwise engage to work at the school. This is for employment purposes to assist in the running of the school and/or to enable individuals to be paid.

The categories of school workforce information that we collect, process, hold and share include:

- personal information (such as name, employee or teacher number, national insurance number)
- special categories of data including characteristics information such as gender, age, ethnic group
- contract information (such as start dates, hours worked, post, roles and salary information)
- work absence information (such as number of absences and reasons)
- qualifications (and, where relevant, subjects taught)

Information the school collects has been identified in the 'Information Audit' document, which can be accessed on the schools website. If there is any reason that the school is holding information, which has been omitted from the document, then the school will update the document immediately they are aware it.

## Why we collect and use this information

We use school workforce data to:

- to administer school property
- to maintain accounts and records
- to support staff training
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- enable the development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed
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- allowing better financial modelling and planning
- enable individuals to be paid
- enabling ethnicity and disability monitoring; and
- supporting the work of the School Teachers' Review Body

## The lawful basis on which we process this information

On the 25th May 2018 the Data Protection Act 1998 will be replaced by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The condition for processing under the GDPR will be:

### Article 6

1. Processing shall be lawful only if and to the extent that at least one of the following applies:
  - (c) Processing is necessary for compliance with a **legal obligation** to which the controller is subject;
  - (e) processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the **public interest** or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller;

### Article 9(2)

(b) processing is necessary for the purposes of carrying out the obligations and exercising specific rights of the controller or of the data subject in the field of employment and social security and social protection law in so far as it is authorised by Union or Member State law or a collective agreement pursuant to Member State law providing for appropriate safeguards for the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject;

1. Processing of personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation shall be prohibited.
2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply if one of the following applies:
  - (j) Processing is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) based on Union or Member State law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject.

Further information regarding data collection can be found in the Education Act 1996 within guide documents on the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

## Collecting this information

Whilst the majority of information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with data protection legislation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain school workforce information to us or if you have a choice in this.

## Storing this information

We hold staff data while they are on roll.

The staff file and electronic records are deleted when the member of staff leaves the school.

Any other data required for legal purpose (and compliance with Ofsted audits of the school) will remain on file and archived.

## Who we share this information with

We routinely share this information with:

- The local authority
- The Department for Education (DfE) and central government
- Education, training, careers and examining bodies
- School staff and boards
- Family, associates and representatives of the person whose personal data we are processing
- Financial organisations
- NHS and healthcare professionals
- Social and welfare organisations
- Law enforcement organisation and courts
- Current, past or prospective employers
- Voluntary and charitable organisations
- Business associates and other professional advisers
- Suppliers and service providers
- Security organisations
- Press and the media
- School trips organisations

## Why we share school workforce information

We do not share information about workforce members with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

### Local authority

We are required to share information about our workforce members with our local authority (LA) under section 5 of the Education (Supply of Information about the School Workforce) (England) Regulations 2007 and amendments.

### Department for Education (DfE)

We share personal data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins workforce policy monitoring, evaluation, and links to school funding / expenditure and the assessment educational attainment.

We are required to share information about our school employees with our local authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE) under section 5 of the Education (Supply of Information about the School Workforce) (England) Regulations 2007 and amendments.

## Data collection requirements

The DfE collects and processes personal data relating to those employed by schools and local authorities that work in state funded schools (including all maintained schools, all

academies and free schools and all special schools including Pupil Referral Units and Alternative Provision). All state funded schools are required to make a census submission because it is a statutory return under sections 113 and 114 of the Education Act 2005

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education including the data that we share with them, go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

The department may share information about school employees with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children or the effective deployment of school staff in England by:

- conducting research or analysis
- producing statistics
- providing information, advice or guidance

The department has robust processes in place to ensure that the confidentiality of personal data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access to it and its use. Decisions on whether DfE releases personal data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and based on a detailed assessment of:

- who is requesting the data
- the purpose for which it is required
- the level and sensitivity of data requested; and
- the arrangements in place to securely store and handle the data

To be granted access to school workforce information, organisations must comply with its strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information about the department's data sharing process, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

To contact the department: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

## Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, you have the right to request access to information about you that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, contact:

Head Teacher, Data Protection Controller

You also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing
- object to decisions being taken by automated means
- in certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we ask that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

## Further information

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:

Deb Thwaites, Head Teacher, Data Protection Controller

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