



# **Workforce Privacy Notice**

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

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## **How we use school workforce information**

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).

## **Why we collect and use this information**

We use school workforce data to:

- enable the development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed;
- inform the development of recruitment and retention policies;
- enable individuals to be paid.

## **The lawful basis on which we process this information**

We collect and process school workforce information:

- under Article 6 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to perform our official function (public task).
- classed as Special Category data, e.g. race, ethnicity etc under Article 9 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to carry out tasks in the public interest.
- where it 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.
- where it is carried out as a task in the public interest such as equal opportunities monitoring, for child protection purposes or where otherwise authorised by law, such as Departmental Censuses as required in the Education Act 1996.
- under the terms of the contract of employment.
- as part of the recruitment process background checks will be done which may involve the collection of criminal convictions. We will process criminal conviction data as it is reported during employment/recruitment to assess suitability of continued employment/recruitment.
- where you have given us consent to do so.

## **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 school workforce data as documented in our Retention Schedule, which can be requested by contacting the school office.

## **Who we share this information with**

We routinely share this information with:

- our local authority;
- the Department for Education (DfE);
- Third-party service providers (where a contract exists) in order to fulfil contractual obligations (such as payroll) or where a service is being used in the operations of the school (such as parent communication applications). For a full list of third party providers please refer to appendix 1

## **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.

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 pupils with the (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 (including Multi Academy Trusts) 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>

## **Other information we collect and hold**

The categories of other information that we collect, hold and share include:

- Parents' and carers information (such as name, address, contact information, relationship to the child, involvement with volunteer groups or parents association);
- Visitor information (such as name, business, car registration, DBS certification, purpose of visit);
- Trustees' and governors' information (such as name, address, contact information, business interests, financial interests and governance roles in other schools);
- Volunteers' information (such as name, address, contact information, DBS certification).

## Why we collect and use this information

Parents information is collected so that:

- We can communicate with you about your child (in relation to things such as education and attainment, health and well-being, attendance and behaviour);
- Send you important information about the school;
- Provide you with access to tools and services we use in schools (such as parent payment systems, communication applications).

Visitor information is collected so that:

- We have a record of who is and has been in the building, for health, safety and operational purposes;
- We know whether a visitor can be unaccompanied in areas where children are present;
- We have a record of official visits (such as inspections or maintenance).

Trustees' and Governors' information is collected so that:

- We can communicate with Trustees and Governors on school business;
- There is a public record of Trustees and Governors and their business interests.

## The lawful basis on which we use this information

- Parental information is processed in the public interest where it is related to their child's education. We may have a legal obligation to process data in certain processing activities and in some circumstances we will rely on consent as the lawful basis;
- Visitor information is processed as a task in the public interest where it relates to school operations and under a legal obligation where it relates to health and safety;
- Trustee and Governor information is processed as a task in the public interest.

## Collecting this information

- **Parents:** 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 information to us or if you have a choice in this;
- **Visitors:** As a visitor the information that you provide to us is voluntary. However, we may restrict access to the school if the information is not provided;
- **Trustees & Governors:** 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 information to us or if you have a choice in this.

## Storing this information

We hold school workforce data as documented in our Retention Schedule, which can be requested by contacting the Trust office.

## Who we share this information with

We routinely share this information with:

- **Parents:** we will share your information with members of staff, other agencies and, where you have agreed, with third-party processors who provide services to the school;
- **Visitors:** your information will not be shared unless requested by an external agency in the course of a health and safety incident or in the investigation of a crime;
- **Governors:** we will publish the names, business interests, financial interests and governance roles of governors in other schools on the school website;
- **Third party suppliers** (please refer to appendix 1 for a full list of suppliers the Trust share information with)

## COVID-19

Data collected for the purposes of public health (including visitor contact data for COVID-19) will be kept as long as required. Contact data for visitors will be kept for 21 days after the most recent visit, with information on visitors kept as per standard retention requirements. Public Health data may be shared with third-parties as required including, but not limited to:

- National Health Service (including NHS Test and Trace)
- Public Health England
- Other local health authorities

Data collected and processed for public health purposes is done so under GDPR Article 9(2)(i) which states: (in part) "processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, such as protecting against serious cross-border threats to health..." and Recital 54 which includes: "The processing of special categories of personal data may be necessary for reasons of public interest in the areas of public health without consent of the data subject."

### Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, you have the right to request access to information that we hold about you. To make a request for your personal information, contact the data protection officer whose contact details are at the top of this notice.

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/>