PRIVACY NOTICE
HOW WE USE WORKFORCE INFORMATION

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To be reviewed: Annually in September (or earlier if legislation/Local Authority guidance changes).

We process personal data relating to those we employ to work at, or otherwise engage to work at, our school. This is for employment purposes to assist in the running of the school 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)
- medical information (such as food allergies or medication needed in an emergency)
- contact information (such as telephone numbers of contacts that an employee would want the school to contact in an emergency)
- address information (such as the known contact address to direct correspondence to)
- payroll information (such as bank account numbers for payment transfers)

We also process special categories of personal data that may include:

- physical or mental health needs
- racial or ethnic origin
- trade union membership
- criminal convictions data
- civil and criminal proceedings, outcomes and sentences.
- religious or other beliefs of a similar nature

Why we collect and use workforce information
We use 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
- to contact you directly when you are not on the premises
- to contact others known to you, where you have provided their information, in cases where it would be reasonable for us to contact that individual

We collect and use information under Article 6 and Article 9 of the GDPR, this enables the school to process information such as Departmental Censuses under the Education Act 1996 and other such data processes that relate education provision or payment of the individual.
Collecting workforce information
Workforce data is essential for the school’s/ local authority’s operational use. Whilst the majority of personal information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is requested on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with GDPR, we will inform you at the point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing workforce information
We hold data securely in accordance with the Data Retention Schedule.

Who we share workforce information with
We routinely share this information with:
- our local authority (where applicable)
- the Department for Education (DfE)

Why we share school workforce information
We do not share information about our 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
The Department for Education (DfE) collects personal data from educational settings and local authorities via various statutory data collections. We are required to share information about our school employees with the Department for Education (DfE) under section 5 of the Education (Supply of Information about the School Workforce) (England) Regulations 2007 and amendments.

All data is transferred securely and held by DfE under a combination of software and hardware controls which meet the current government security policy framework.

For more information, please see ‘How Government uses your data’ section.

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 the Headteacher.

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
- a right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts

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/

Contact
If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact the Headteacher.
How Government uses your data
The workforce data that we lawfully share with the DfE through data collections:
  • informs departmental policy on pay and the monitoring of the effectiveness and diversity of the school workforce
  • links to school funding and expenditure
  • supports ‘longer term’ research and monitoring of educational policy

Data collection requirements
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.

Sharing by the Department
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.

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