

Privacy Notice - How we use school workforce information in our schools

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

- personal information (such as name, address, employee or teacher number, national insurance number, personal telephone number or email address)
- special categories of data including physical or mental health and characteristics information such as gender, age, ethnic group
- contract information (such as start dates, hours worked, post, roles, salary information, eligibility to work and Disclosure and Barring Checks)
- work absence information (such as number of absences and reasons)
- qualifications and training (and, where relevant, subjects taught)
- role and duties, including appraisal and evaluation of performance
- images including identity badge photographs and images captured on CCTV systems
- details relating to any employment disputes, grievances or complaints
- details of complaints or concerns in respect of the school and its staff

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
- manage the duties, workload and performance of employees
- resolve employment issues and disputes
- meet legal obligations in areas such as safeguarding, health and safety, data protection, taxation and national insurance contributions
- manage and protect the school site(s) and assets
- emergency response planning and responding to emergencies

The lawful basis on which we process this information

We process this personal information under the following GDPR Article 6(1) Conditions-

- b) processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract:
- c) processing is necessary for compliance with legal obligations to which the controller is subject;
- d) processing is necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person;
- 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;

We process special category personal information under the following GDPR Article 9(2) Conditions –

- 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;
- f) processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or whenever courts are acting in their judicial capacity
- g) processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest, on the basis of 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
- h) processing is necessary for the purposes of preventive or occupational medicine, for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services on the basis of Union or Member State law or pursuant to contract with a health professional

Collecting this information

Whilst the majority of information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it may be 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 and if you have a choice in this.

Storing this information

We hold school workforce data in accordance with the schools document retention policy which is available from the Head teacher.

Who we share this information with

We routinely share this information with:

- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- other members of the Academy Trust

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. Our Data Protection Policy is available from the trust website or from Nina Siddle, CFO via the HET Head Office.

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.

Academies

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

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, you have the right to request access to information about you that we hold without charge. To make a request for your personal information, contact Mrs Nina Siddle, HET CFO via the Head Office.

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: Mrs Nina Siddle, HET CFO via the Head Office.