

# **Privacy Notice (How we use workforce information)**

Personal information in relation to staff is retained at the school purely to meet requirements of employment law and safeguarding. This information is not shared with anyone other than for administrative purposes with the permission of the staff member to which the information applies.

### The categories of school information that we process include:

- personal information (such as name, employee or teacher number, national insurance number)
- characteristics information (such as gender, age, ethnic group)
- contract information (such as start date, hours worked, post, roles and salary information)
- work absence information (such as number of absences and reasons)
- qualifications (and, where relevant, subjects taught)
- · records of training or certificates
- performance management documentation (this is not shared)
- absence records

### Why we collect and use workforce information

We use workforce data to:

- a) enable the development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed
- b) inform the development of recruitment and retention policies
- c) enable individuals to be paid
- d) safeguarding purposes

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the legal basis we rely on for processing personal information for general purposes is under the Education Act 1996. This information can be found in the guide documents on the following website:

https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools

### **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 for the set amount of time shown in line with our retention policy. We have data protection policies and procedures in place, which are reviewed regularly. Further information can be found on our website (www.duncombeprimary.co.uk).

#### 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**

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 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.

### **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. 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 DfE, including the data shared 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: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data</a>

To contact the department: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe">https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe</a>

#### 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 or Deputy 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 <a href="https://ico.org.uk/concerns/">https://ico.org.uk/concerns/</a>

### **Contact**

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