

# Meadow Park School

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

### The categories of school information that we process

These 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)

### 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

Under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), the legal basis / bases we rely on for processing personal information for general purposes are:

- Article 6(1)(b) which relates to processing necessary for the performance of a contract.
- Article 6(1)(c) so we can comply with our legal obligations as your employer.
- Article 6(1)(d) in order to protect your vital interests or those of another person.
- Article 6(1)(e) for the performance of our public task.
- Article 6(1)(f) for the purposes of our legitimate interest.

In addition, concerning any special category data:

- Article 9(2)(b) which relates to carrying out our obligations and exercising our rights in employment and the safeguarding of your fundamental rights.
- Article 9(2)(c) to protect your vital interests or those of another person where you are incapable of giving your consent.
- Article 9(2)(f) for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims.
- Article 9(2)(j) for archiving purposes in the public interest.

### Collecting workforce information

We collect personal information via employment application forms and annual staff data collection sheets.

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 UK 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 our data retention schedule. For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please speak to the School Business Manager.

### **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 (DfE)**

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 children and young people with the Department for Education (DfE) for the purpose of those data collections.

We are required to pass information about our school employees to 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 the Department for Education (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 School Business Manager.

You also have the right to:

- to ask us for access to information about you that we hold

- to have your personal data rectified, if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing
- to restrict our processing of your personal data (i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing)
- to object to direct marketing (including profiling) and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics
- not to be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a legal or similarly significant effect on you

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/>

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by the Department for Education (DfE), please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

### **Withdrawal of consent and the right to lodge a complaint**

Where we are processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting [dataprotection@meadowparkknowsley.co.uk](mailto:dataprotection@meadowparkknowsley.co.uk)

### **Last updated**

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. This version was last updated on 18 May 2023.

### **Contact**

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact the School Business Manager.

### **How Government uses your data**

The workforce data that we lawfully share with the Department for Education (DfE) through data collections:

- informs the Department for Education (DfE) 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 (DfE) 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 for Education (DfE)**

The Department for Education (DfE) 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 for Education (DfE) 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 the Department for Education (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.

## **How to find out what personal information the Department for Education (DfE) hold about you**

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018, you're entitled to ask the Department for Education (DfE):

- if they are processing your personal data
- for a description of the data they hold about you
- the reasons they're holding it and any recipient it may be disclosed to
- for a copy of your personal data and any details of its source

If you want to see the personal data held about you by the Department for Education (DfE), you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department for Education's (DfE) personal information charter that is published at the address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-foreducation/about/personal-information-charter>

To contact the Department for Education (DfE): <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>