



Meadowcroft Community Infant School Privacy Notice (How we use workforce information)

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)
- relevant medical information (such as allergies, occupational health reports, self certification forms)
- addresses, contact telephone numbers, email addresses and next of kin contact details
- payroll information (such as bank account details)

This list is not exhaustive, to access the current list of categories of information we process please see the current privacy policy at www.meadowcrofinfantschool.co.uk.

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) to manage recruitment processes and respond to reference requests
- e) to keep records of employee performance and work history, including training and appraisal records, to ensure acceptable standards of conduct are maintained and to manage training and career progression
- f) to manage absence effectively
- g) to manage day-to-day HR administration

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

- legal obligation (such as ensuring that you have the right to work in the UK and compliance with employment and health and safety law)
- performance of a contract (to ensure you are paid correctly and receive your entitlements to sick pay and annual leave)
- consent – where we process information for the purposes of equal opportunities monitoring, this information is collected only with the express consent of employees. Consent may be withdrawn by an employee at any time.
- Legitimate interests -We use other school workforce data to manage the day-to-day operation of the school, where processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests of the employer. In relying on legitimate interests, we first consider the necessity of processing the data when balanced against the interests, rights and freedoms of the individual.

Collecting workforce information

We collect personal information via job application forms, staff contract forms, bank details forms, pre-appointment occupational health assessments, DBS applications, references, NCTL database.

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 our data retention schedule. For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please request a copy of the schedule from the school's Data Controller.

In summary we retain most records relating to your employment on your personnel file for six years after employment has ended.

Evidence of your right to work in the UK is retained on your personnel file for two years after employment has ended, in accordance with Home Office recommendations.

Allegations of a child protection nature remain on file until normal retirement age, or 10 years from the date of the allegation, if longer, in accordance with statutory guidance.

Identity documents obtained for the purposes of undertaking a Disclosure and Barring Service check are only retained until the results of the check have been received.

Who we share workforce information with

We routinely share this information with:

- our local authority, in order to comply with legal obligations and statutory guidance regarding the safeguarding of children and young people.
- the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis.

We will also share your data with certain third parties to fulfil legal requirements, obtain or provide necessary information or because the third party processes data on our behalf. These third parties include:

- Your previous employers in order to undertake pre-employment checks
- The Disclosure and Barring Service in order to undertake pre-employment checks and follow-up checks during employment
- Suppliers and consultants that provide us with a service, such as occupational health, HR, payroll or legal services
- Trade unions or any other representative acting on your behalf
- Ofsted

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, Mrs Jacky Underwood**.

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, Mrs Jacky Underwood**.

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>