SIR JOHN THURSBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Workforce Privacy Notice

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PRIVACY NOTICE
(How we use staff personal information)

What is the purpose of this Notice?

This is our school's Privacy Notice which is intended to provide you with information about how and why we process your personal information. It is also intended to provide you with other information which is required under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). The GDPR and DPA contain the key laws relating to data protection.

It is important to the school, and a legal requirement, that we are transparent about how we process your personal information. As a school that processes personal information, we are known as a "data controller". This means that we collect and use personal information for specified purposes which this Privacy Notice has been designed to tell you about.

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, next of kin and contact details)
- special categories of data including characteristics information (such as gender, age, ethnic group, race, and religion)
- recruitment information
- contract information (such as start dates, hours worked, post, roles, subjects taught and salary information)
- work absence information (such as number of absences and reasons, annual leave and maternity leave)
- qualifications, subjects taught and training records
- performance information
- grievance and disciplinary information
- health and safety information (such as accidents at work)
- relevant medical information
- safeguarding information
- DBS information
- Biometric data

Why we collect and use this information

The purposes for which we collect this data include:

- enabling the development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed
- managing the recruitment process
- carrying out pre-employment checks and equal opportunities monitoring
- complying with the terms of the contract of employment
- making reasonable adjustments
- enabling individuals to be paid
- enabling individuals to access cashless catering system
- managing absence
- managing performance, grievance and disciplinary matters
- safeguarding purposes
- managing workplace accidents
- security purposes
- Fire safety

The lawful basis on which we process this information

On the 25th May 2018 the Data Protection Act 1998 will be replaced by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The condition for processing under the GDPR will be:

Article 6

1. Processing shall be lawful only if and to the extent that at least one of the following applies:

(c) Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject;

Article 9

1. Processing of personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation shall be prohibited.

2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply if one of the following applies:

(j) Processing is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) based on 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.

Education Act 2005 sections 113 and 114 - is a statutory requirement on schools and local

authorities for the submission of the school workforce census return, including a set of individual staff records.

Collecting this 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 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 this information

We hold school workforce data for a period of time specified within our retention policy. We generally hold school workforce personal information for the period of your employment until termination and a period of 6 years thereafter. For more information, please ask the School Business Manager for a copy of our retention schedule.

Who we share this information with

We routinely share this information with:

- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)

We may also share information with:

- Health and Safety Executive
- Disclosure and Barring Service
- Teaching Regulation Agency
- insurance providers
- training providers
- Professional advisors

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.

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 our local authority (LA) and 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, please contact the School Business Manager.

You also have the right:

- 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

(For use where consent is the lawful basis. Therefore, where consent is NOT used, this section will not be applicable)

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 the School Business Manager.

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 9th August 2025.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact the School Business Manager by email: manager@sirjohnthursby.lancs.sch.uk or in writing:

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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-for-education/about/personal-information-charter

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

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