



Privacy Notice

School Staff

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The categories of school information that the school processes

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 the school collects and uses workforce information

The school uses 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 the school relies on for processing personal information for general purposes are:

- The Education Act (various years)
- The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations
- The School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- The School Admissions Regulations 2012
- Children and Families Act 2014
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014
- [Article 6 of the UK GDPR](#)
- Concerning Special Category Data, conditions as set out under [Article 9 of the UK GDPR](#)
- For regulations relating to the School Workforce Census – see the DfE website <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

Collecting workforce information

The school collects personal information via forms completed by staff.

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, the school 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

The school holds data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule. For more information on our data retention schedule and how the school keeps your data safe, please refer to our retention schedule available on the school website.

Who the school shares workforce information with

The school routinely shares this information with:

- our local authority (Waltham Forest Council) <https://walthamforest.gov.uk/>
- the Department for Education (DfE)

Why the school shares school workforce information

The school does not share information about our workforce members with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Local authority

The school is 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. The school is required to share information about our children and young people with the Department for Education (DfE) for the purpose of those data collections, under:

The school is 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 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 the school holds. To make a request for your personal information, contact Deena Chetty (Headteacher).

You also have the right to:

- to ask us for access to information about you that the school holds
- 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 the school is collecting or using your personal data, you can 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.

How Government uses your data

The workforce data that the school lawfully shares 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 the school shares 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>

Withdrawal of consent and the right to lodge a complaint

Where the school is 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 office in writing school@downsellprimary.waltham.sch.uk.

Please note, where data is held on lawful basis, consent is not needed.

Last updated

The school may need to update this privacy notice periodically so the school recommends that you revisit this information from time to time. This was last reviewed in March 2024.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:
edposervice@walthamforest.gov.uk