

Workforce Privacy Notice (How we use school workforce information)

Old Park School collects and processes personal data relating to its employees to manage the employment relationship. **Old Park School** is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses the data and to meeting its data protection obligations. This privacy notice will inform you about why **Old Park School** collects and processes a range of information about you.

The categories of school workforce information that we collect, process, hold and share include:

- personal information (such as name, address and contact details, employee or teacher number, details of your bank, national insurance number, information about your marital status, next of kin, dependants and emergency contacts)
- special categories of data including characteristics information (such as gender, age, ethnic group)
- contract information (such as start dates, terms and conditions of your employment, hours worked, post, roles and salary information, information about entitlement to benefits such as pensions, information about your nationality and the entitlement to work in the UK)
- work absence information (such as number of absences and reasons)
- a record of your arrival and departure times
- qualifications (such as skills, experience and employment history, where relevant, subjects taught)
- information about your criminal record.
- details of any disciplinary or grievance procedures in which you have been involved (such as any warnings issued to you and related correspondence)
- assessments of your performance (such as appraisals, performance reviews and ratings, performance improvement plans and related correspondence)
- information about medical or health conditions (such as whether or not you have a disability for which the organisation needs to make reasonable adjustments).

Why we collect and use workforce information

We use school workforce data to:

- enable the development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed
- inform the development of recruitment and retention policies
- enable individuals to be paid
- maintain accurate and up-to-date employment records and contact details (including details of who to contact in the event of an emergency), and records of employee contractual and statutory rights.

- operate and keep a record of disciplinary and grievance processes, to ensure acceptable conduct within the workplace.
- operate and keep a record of employee performance and related processes, to plan for career development, and for succession planning and workforce management purposes.
- operate and keep a record of absence and absence management procedures, to allow effective workforce management and ensure that employees are receiving the pay or other benefits to which they are entitled
- obtain occupational health advice, to ensure that it complies with duties in relation to individuals with disabilities, meet its obligations under health and safety law, and ensure that employees are receiving the pay or other benefits to which they are entitled.
- operate and keep a record of other types of leave (including maternity, paternity, adoption, parental and shared parental leave), to allow effective workforce management, to ensure that the Old Park School complies with duties in relation to leave entitlement, and to ensure that employees are receiving the pay or other benefits to which they are entitled
- ensure the safety of employees
- ensure effective general HR and business administration
- provide references on request for current or former employees
- respond to and defend against legal claims
- maintain and promote equality in the workplace.

Some special categories of personal data, such as information about health or medical conditions, is processed to carry out employment law obligations (such as those in relation to employees with disabilities).

The lawful basis on which we process this information

We process this information under the following General Data Protection Articles:

6.1(b) Processing is necessary for a contract you have with the individual, or because they have asked you to take specific steps before entering into a contract.

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

For example: The Health and Safety at Work Act, Equality Act 2010, The Disability Discrimination Act.

6.1(e) Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.

For example: The Education Act requires the collection of workforce data for the purpose of Departmental Census. Working together to Safeguard Children Guidelines (DfE).

9.2 (b) processing is necessary for the purposes of carrying out the obligations and exercising specific rights of the controller or of the data subject in the field of employment and social security and social protection law in so far as it is authorised by domestic law or a collective agreement pursuant to domestic law providing for appropriate safeguards for the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject.

Collecting workforce information

Old Park School collects personal information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be collected through application forms, CVs or resumes; obtained from your passport or other identity documents such as your driving licence; from forms completed by you at the start of or during employment; from correspondence with you; or through interviews, meetings or other assessment.

In some cases, Old Park School may collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers, information from employment background check providers, information from credit reference agencies and information from criminal records checks permitted by law.

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 data protection legislation, 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 and we will tell you what you need to do if you do not want to share this information with us.

Storing this 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 visit [Old Park School - GDPR Documents](#)

Who we share this information with

Your information may be shared internally, including with those people responsible for HR and recruitment (including payroll), senior staff who you report to or who have supervisory/management responsibilities for you and business support and IT staff if access to the data is necessary for performance of their roles.

Old Park School routinely shares this information with:

- Our Local Authority
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- Public Health, Dudley Health Protection Team via School Life Infectious Disease App
- Arbor
- Cloud
- Compass+/ GroupcallXporter
- Cpoms
- Evolve
- Facebook
- Governorhub
- InVentry
- Microsoft Office Forms
- Microsoft Office Teams
- MyHR/PIMS
- RM Education
- School Life

- Sharepoint
- Sleuth
- Smoothwall/e-Safety
- Tribepad
- Tucasi
- Twinkl
- Wonde
- Zoom

Arbor

This enables Old Park School to process and record staff information. Arbor records contact details, medical information etc.

Cloud

The cloud based system will improve accessibility and ensure information security when working remotely.

Compass+ and GroupcallXporter

This enables Old Park School to oversee, plan for and evaluate its careers, information, advice and guidance offer in line with the Gatsby Benchmarks. This is supported by the Connexions service.

CPOMS

This enables Old Park School to improve its management of child protection and similar incidents and actions. Staff update it to record child protection, behavioural issues, bullying, and special educational needs.

Evolve - EVOLVEvisits

This is an online system for the planning, approval and management of educational visits, sports fixtures and extra-curricular activities

Facebook

This enables **Old Park School** to share information with parents, staff and Governors only regarding School events. Photos are only published where the necessary consent forms have been completed.

GovernorHub

The Local Authority has adopted GovernorHub to manage the Governor, Local Authority, and School relationship. Schools can access GovernorHub in their own right.

Inventry

This enables Old Park School to record and monitor attendance of staff, visitors and pupils.

Microsoft Forms

Microsoft Forms is part of Office 365 and allows schools to quickly and easily create custom quizzes, surveys, questionnaires, registration forms, and more. The content in these forms, as well as end user information, remains in the direct control of administrators and end users.

Microsoft Teams

Teams is part of Office 365 and allows schools to communicate with staff, School Governors, parents and other key stakeholders.

MyHR/PIMS

(1)MyHR – provides access via a dedicated login for all employees to a personal dashboard interface; (2) PIMS – provides access to managers via a dedicated login for managers to manage their employees. It also assists with the management of payroll, pensions and other back end issues) and Talent Link (Talent Link is an applicant tracking system used by schools to support their end to end recruitment process needs. These include CRM, job approvals, job posting, social media integration, career site development, applying online, selection process management including shortlisting, assessment integration, interview scheduling, offers and contract generation and onboarding).

RM Education

This enables Old Park School to filter website content

School Life

This enables Old Park School to improve its communication with staff and is used to send messages and letters. Old Park School also used the Infectious Disease Notification function within School Life to notify Dudley Health Protection Team.

Sharepoint

Old Park School will move electronic storage from a local server to a cloud based solution. It will assist agile working enabling staff to work remotely and ensure information security (removing the need for memory sticks, etc.)

Sleuth

This enables Old Park School to track student behaviour and their personal and social development.

Smoothwall/eSafe

This enables Old Park School to filter and monitor usage of digital devices including the internet.

Tribepad

This enables Old Park School to fulfil recruitment process

Tucasi (Scopay)

This enables Old Park School to operate online payment of dinner money.

Twinkl

Old Park School shares the full name and email address of identified members of the workforce to enable staff to access Twinkl planning and resources.

Wonde

This enables the MIS to share information with authorised third party providers

Zoom

The Zoom app allows schools to communicate with staff, School Governors, parents, pupils and other key stakeholders.

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 (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, under:

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.

For privacy information on the data the Department for Education (DfE) collects and uses, please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/privacy-information-education-providers-workforce-including-teachers>

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 **Miss Tina Partridge on 01384 984688**.

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 1st January 2026.

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:

**YourIG Data Protection Officer Service
Dudley MBC
The Council House
Dudley
West Midlands
DY1 1HF**

Email: YourIGDPOService@dudley.gov.uk

Tel: 01384 815607

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
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations

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:

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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.

For more information about the Department for Education's (DfE) data sharing process, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

For information about which organisations the Department for Education (DfE) has provided information, (and for which project) please visit the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfe-external-data-shares>

How to find out what personal information DfE hold about you

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018, you're entitled to ask the Department:

- 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, you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department's 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: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>