

# Privacy Notice

## How we use workforce information

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust (the Trust) or the school in which they work uses any personal data held about them.

This privacy notice explains how the Trust and its academies collect, store and use personal data about individuals employed, or otherwise engaged, to work in schools in the Trust.

The Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust and are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is i-west (see 'Contact us' below).

## We process data relating to those we employ, or otherwise engage, to work in our school

Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about you includes, but is not restricted to:

- Contact details
- Date of birth, marital status and gender
- Next of kin and emergency contact numbers
- Salary, annual leave, pension and benefits information
- Bank account details, payroll records, National Insurance number and tax status information
- Recruitment information, including copies of right to work documentation, references and other information included as part of the application process
- Qualifications and employment records, including work history, job titles, working hours, training records and professional memberships
- Contract information, such as start date, hours worked, post and salary details
- Performance information
- Outcomes of any disciplinary and/or grievance procedures
- Absence data
- Copy of driving licence
- Photographs
- CCTV footage
- Data about your use of the school's information and communications system

We may also collect store and use information about you that falls into "special categories" of more sensitive personal data. This includes information about (where applicable):

- Race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation and political opinions
- Trade union membership
- Health, including any medical conditions, and sickness records

This list is not exhaustive, to access the current list of categories of information we process please see the academy Principal for further information.

## Why we collect and use workforce information

The purpose of processing this data is to help us run the school, including to:

- Enable you to be paid
- Facilitate safe recruitment, as part of our safeguarding obligations towards pupils
- Support effective performance management
- Inform our recruitment and retention policies
- Allow better financial modelling and planning
- Enable equalities monitoring
- Improve the management of workforce data across the sector
- Support the work of the School Teachers' Review Body
- Facilitate a safe working environment (use of CCTV, photographs as identification)

We only collect and use personal information about you when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we use it where we need to:

- Fulfil a contract we have entered into with you
- Comply with a legal obligation
- Carry out a task in the public interest

Less commonly, we may also use personal information about you when:

- You have given us consent to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect your vital interests (or someone else's interests)

Where you have provided us with consent to use your data, you may withdraw this consent at any time. We will make this clear when requesting your consent, and explain how you go about withdrawing consent if you wish to do so.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using personal information about you overlap, and there may be several grounds which justify the school's use of your data.

In addition, concerning any special category data, we only collect and use personal information when the law allows us to:

- You have given us consent to process this data for one or more specific purposes
- Processing is necessary for our obligations in the field of employment
- Processing is carried out in the course of its legitimate activities with appropriate safeguards by a foundation or religious aim, for example the Church of England
- Processing is necessary for the purposes of preventive or occupational medicine, for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee

## Collecting workforce information

Workforce data is essential for the school's and the Trust'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

Personal data is stored in line with our Data Retention Policy.

The peoples services directorate maintain an employment file for each staff member. The information contained in this file is kept secure and is only used for purposes directly relevant to your employment. Once your employment with us has ended, we will retain this file and delete the information in it in accordance with our Data Retention Policy.

A copy of the Data Retention Policy is available from the school office.

## Who we share workforce information with

We do not share information about you with any third party without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required or necessary (and it complies with data protection law), we may share personal information about you with:

- Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns
- The Department for Education
- Your family or representatives
- Educators and examining bodies
- Our regulator (e.g. Ofsted)
- Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for, such as payroll
- Financial organisations
- Central and local government
- Our auditors
- Survey and research organisations
- Trade unions and associations
- Health authorities
- Security organisations
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Police forces, courts, tribunals
- Professional bodies

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 academy Principal in the first instance.

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 academy Principal or the Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust Data Protection Officer:  
[i-west@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:i-west@bathnes.gov.uk)

## 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>