Privacy Notice (How we use Governors/Trustees and Volunteers information)

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Introduction

Under UK data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how our Trust uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about **individuals working with our Trust in a voluntary capacity, including governors/trustees**.

Our Trust, Bridge Schools Trust, 21 Callywith Gate, Bodmin, PL31 2RQ, 01208 503103, are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Tracey Snell (see 'Contact us' below).

The personal data we hold

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

- Your name
- Contact details
- References
- Evidence of qualifications
- Employment details
- Information about business and pecuniary interests
- Information about your use of our information and communication systems, equipment and facilities (e.g. school computers)

We may also collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) information about you that falls into "special categories" of more sensitive personal data. This includes, but is not restricted to:

- Information about any health conditions you have that we need to be aware of
- Information about disability and access requirements
- Photographs and CCTV images captured in school

We may also collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) information about criminal convictions and offences.

We may also hold data about you that we have received from other organisations, including other schools and social services, and the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of criminal offence data.

Why we use this data

We use the data listed above to:

a) Establish and maintain effective governance

b) Meet statutory obligations for publishing and sharing governors'/trustees' details

c) Facilitate safe recruitment, as part of our safeguarding obligations towards pupils

d) Undertake equalities monitoring

e) Ensure that appropriate access arrangements can be provided for volunteers who require them

f) Make sure our information and communication systems, equipment and facilities (e.g. school computers) are used appropriately, legally and safely

If you fail to provide certain information when requested, we may not be able to perform the contract we have entered into with you, or we may be prevented from complying with our legal obligations (such as to ensure the health and safety of our workers and pupils).

We will only use your personal information for the purposes for which we have collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason if compatible with the original purpose. If we need to use your personal information for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

Please note that we may process your personal information without your knowledge or consent in compliance with the above rules where this is required or permitted by law.

Use of your personal data for marketing purposes

Where you have given us consent to do so, we may send you marketing information by email or text promoting school events, campaigns, charitable causes or services that may be of interest to you.

You can withdraw consent or 'opt out' of receiving these emails and/or texts at any time by clicking on the 'Unsubscribe' link at the bottom of any such communication, or by contacting us (see 'Contact us' below).

Use of your personal data in automated decision making and profiling

We do not currently process any personal data through automated decision making or profiling. If this changes in the future, we will amend any relevant privacy notices in order to explain the processing to you, including your right to object to it.

Our lawful basis for using this data

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

- Comply with a legal obligation
- Carry out a task in the public interest

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

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

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

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 would go about withdrawing consent if you wish to do so.

Our basis for using special category data

For 'special category' data, we only collect and use it when we have both a lawful basis, as set out above, and one of the following conditions for processing as set out in data protection law:

We have obtained your explicit consent to use your personal data in a certain way

We need to perform or exercise an obligation or right in relation to employment, social security or social protection law

We need to protect an individual's vital interests (i.e. protect your life or someone else's life), in situations where you're physically or legally incapable of giving consent

The data concerned has already been made manifestly public by you

We need to process it for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims

We need to process it for reasons of substantial public interest as defined in legislation

We need to process it for health or social care purposes, and the processing is done by, or under the direction of, a health or social work professional or by any other person obliged to confidentiality under law

We need to process it for public health reasons, and the processing is done by, or under the direction of, a health professional or by any other person obliged to confidentiality under law

We need to process it for archiving purposes, scientific or historical research purposes, or for statistical purposes, and the processing is in the public interest

For criminal offence data, we will only collect and use it when we have both a lawful basis, as set out above, and a condition for processing as set out in data protection law. Conditions include:

- We have obtained your consent to use it in a specific way
- We need to protect an individual's vital interests (i.e. protect your life or someone else's life), in situations where you're physically or legally incapable of giving consent
- The data concerned has already been made manifestly public by you
- We need to process it for, or in connection with, legal proceedings, to obtain legal advice, or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal rights
- We need to process it for reasons of substantial public interest as defined in legislation

Collecting this data

While the majority of information we collect about you is mandatory, there is some information that can be provided voluntarily.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you, we make it clear whether you must provide this information (and if so, what the possible consequences are of not complying), or whether you have a choice.

Most of the data we hold about you will come from you, but we may also hold data about you from:

- Local authorities
- Government departments or agencies
- Police forces, courts, tribunals
- Other schools or trusts

How we store this data

We keep personal information about you while you volunteer at our school. We may also keep it beyond your work at our school if this is necessary.

We follow the IRMS Schools Toolkit retention schedule which sets out how long we keep information about individuals. All data is stored on Bridge Schools secure network and paper records are stored in locked cabinets with restricted authorised staff access.

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal information from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed.

We will dispose of your personal data securely when we no longer need it.

Who we share data with

We do not share information about you with any third party without 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 Cornwall Council – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns
- Government departments or agencies
- Our regulator, e.g. Ofsted
- Suppliers and service providers
- Our auditors
- Health authorities
- Security organisations
- Professional advisers and consultants

Charities and voluntary organisations

Police forces, courts, tribunals

Your rights

How to access personal information that we hold about you

You have a right to make a 'subject access request' to gain access to personal information that we hold about you.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you, we will (subject to any exemptions that may apply):

Give you a description of it

Tell you why we are holding and processing it, and how long we will keep it for

Explain where we got it from, if not from you

Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with

Let you know whether any automated decision-making is being applied to the data, and any consequences of this

Give you a copy of the information in an intelligible form

You may also have the right for your personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances.

If you would like to make a request, please contact us (see 'Contact us' below).

Your other rights regarding your data

Under data protection law, you have certain rights regarding how your personal data is used and kept safe. For example, you have the right to:

Object to our use of your personal data

Prevent your data being used to send direct marketing

Object to and challenge the use of your personal data for decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)

In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected

In certain circumstances, have the personal data we hold about you deleted or destroyed, or restrict its processing

Withdraw your consent, where you previously provided it for the collection, processing and transfer of your personal data for a specific purpose

In certain circumstances, be notified of a data breach

Make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office if you feel we have not used your information in the right way

Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations

We may refuse your information rights request for legitimate reasons, which depend on why we're processing it. Some rights may not apply in these circumstances :

Your right to have all personal data deleted or destroyed doesn't apply when the lawful basis for processing is legal obligation or public task

Your right to receive a copy of your personal data, or have your personal data transmitted to another controller, does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is legal obligation, vital interests, public task or legitimate interests

Right to object to use of your private data doesn't apply when the lawful basis for processing is contract, legal obligation or vital interests. And if the lawful basis is consent, you don't have the right to object, but you have the right to withdraw consent

To exercise any of these rights, please contact us (see 'Contact us' below).

Complaints

We take any complaints about our collection and use of personal information very seriously.

If you think that our collection or use of personal information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate, or have any other concern about our data processing, please raise this with us in the first instance. You can make a complaint to us at any time by contact the Data Protection Officer, see contact details below.

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

Report a concern online at https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/

Call 0303 123 1113

Or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Contact us

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact our **data protection officer**:

Our data protection officer is:

Tracey Snell, Data Protection Officer, 21 Callywith Gate, Bodmin, PL31 2RQ, dpo@bridgeschools.co.uk.