Worcestershire Hills Trust

Workforce Privacy Notice

Under UK data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how our schools use 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 we employ, or who otherwise engage to work at our schools. This notice does not form part of any contract of employment or other contract to provide services. We may update this notice at any time but if we do so, we will provide you with an updated copy as soon as reasonably practical.

Our trust, Worcestershire Hills Trust (Registered Office: Prince Henry's High School, Victoria Avenue, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 4QH - 01386 765588) is the 'data controller' for the purposes of UK data protection law. We will comply with the data protection law and principles, which means that your data will be:

- Used lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way
- Collected only for valid purposes that we have clearly explained to you and not used in any way that is incompatible with those purposes
- Relevant to the purposes we have told you about and limited only to those purposes
- Accurate and kept up to date
- Kept only as long as necessary for the purposes we have told you about
- Kept securely

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
- 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 in a CV or cover letter or as part of the application process
- Qualifications and employment records, including work history, job titles, working hours,
- Training records and professional memberships
- Performance information
- Outcomes of any disciplinary and/or grievance procedures
- Absence data
- Copy of driving licence
- Information about your use of our information and communications 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
- Sickness records
- Photographs and CCTV images captured in school
- Information about trade union membership

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 local authorities, and the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of criminal offence data.

Why we use this data

- We collect and use the data listed above to:
- Enable you to be paid
- Check your entitlement to work in the UK
- Determine the terms on which you work for us
- 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
- Make sure our information and communications systems, equipment and facilities (e.g. school computers) are used appropriately, legally and safely
- Ascertain your fitness to work
- Manage sickness absence

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

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 is 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 selecting 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 staff members' 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.

Use of your personal data for filtering and monitoring purposes

While you're in our school, we may monitor your use of our information and communication systems, equipment and facilities (e.g. school computers). We do this so that we can:

- Comply with health and safety and other legal obligations
- Comply with our policies (e.g. safeguarding children policy, ICT user policy) and our legal
- obligations
- Keep our network(s) and devices safe from unauthorised access, and prevent malicious
- software from harming our network(s)
- Protect your welfare

Our lawful basis for using this data

Under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), the lawful bases for processing your personal data for the purposes listed in section 3 above are as follows:

- In accordance with the 'public task' basis – we need to process data to fulfil our statutory function as a school as set out here:
    - UK GDPR Article 6, 1e
- In accordance with the 'legal obligation' basis – we need to process data to meet our responsibilities under law as set out here:
    - UK GDPR Article 6, 1c
- In accordance with the 'consent' basis – we will obtain consent from you to use your personal data
- In accordance with the 'contract' basis – we need to process personal data to fulfil a contract with you or to help you enter into a contract with us.

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 1 of the following conditions for processing as set out in UK data protection law:

- We have obtained your explicit consent to use your personal data in a certain way (UK GDPR Article 9, 2a)
- We need to perform or exercise an obligation or right in relation to employment, social security or social protection law (UK GDPR Article 9, 2b)
- 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 UK 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

We will only collect and use your data when the law allows us to (as detailed above in section 4 of this notice). 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 via application forms and staff information update forms, but we may also hold data about you from:

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

How we store this data

We keep personal information about you while you work at our school. We may also keep it beyond your employment at our school if this is necessary to comply with our legal requirements or to meet our regulatory requirements. Our data retention policy sets out how long we keep information about staff. Please see the Trust's Data Protection Policy.

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 have a legal requirement to retain 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 UK data protection law), we may share personal information about you with:

- Our local authority, Worcestershire County Council – to meet our legal obligations to share
- certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns
- Government departments or agencies – HMRC, DBS
- Department for Education
- Our regulator – Ofsted
- Payroll, HR and pension providers
- Our auditors and legal advisors
- Health authorities – medical insurance
- Professional advisers and consultants – SRMA

- Charities and voluntary organisations – Duke of Edinburgh Association
- Police forces, courts or tribunals
- Service Providers e.g. SIMS, CPOMS, Bromcom
- Trade Unions

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 the Department for Education (DfE) under a combination of software and hardware controls which meet the current government security policy framework.

Transferring data internationally

If we were to transfer your personal data to a third-party country or territory, we will do so in accordance with UK data protection law.

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 it, how we are 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 UK 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 where it is likely to cause, or is causing damage or distress
- 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 haven't 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 concerns about our data processing, please raise this with us in the first instance. You can make a complaint to us at any time by contacting:

Mrs Marie Wall
Worcestershire Hills Trust
Data Protection Officer
enquiries@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk
01386 765588

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

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 in November 2026.

Contact us

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

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