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DATA PROTECTION PRIVACY NOTICE TO STAFF

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1. General Statement of the school's Duties

The school is required to collect, store and process relevant personal data of staff, volunteers, contractors and third parties (referred to as “data subjects”) as part of its operations. The school is a “data controller” for the purposes of data protection law.

Individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data it holds about them. This “privacy notice” explains how we collect, store and use personal data about staff, volunteers, contractors and other third parties.

Processing includes obtaining, recording, holding, disclosing, destroying or otherwise using data. It also includes any operation or set of operations on the data including organising, amending, retrieving and using the data.

2. The Data Protection Principles:

The school complies with Data Protection Principles. According to these principles, personal information must be processed in accordance with the following standards:

- a) lawfully, fairly, and transparently
- b) collected for specific purposes and not used in a way that is inconsistent with those purposes
- c) relevant and limited to what is necessary for the intended purposes
- d) accurate and kept up to date
- e) kept for no longer than necessary, with the exception of archiving purposes
- f) processed securely to prevent unauthorized processing or loss or damage to personal information

3. Personal Data the school holds

“Personal data” is information, which relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data, or from that data and other information, which is likely to come into the possession of the data controller.

The school processes a wide range of personal data of their data objects as part of its operation.

This personal information includes (but is not limited to):

- Contact details
- Dates of birth, marital status and gender
- Next of kin and emergency contact numbers
- Salary, annual leave, pension and benefits information
- Bank details, payroll records, tax status information and National Insurance Number

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- Recruitment information, including copies of references and other information included in the CV or covering letter as part of the application or contracting process
- Qualifications and employment records, job titles, training records and professional memberships
- contract details
- Outcomes of any disciplinary or grievance procedures
- Absence data
- Complaints
- Copy of passport and/or ID and driving licence
- Photographs; videos and other media
- Email correspondence with the school
- Attendance information
- Responses to surveys and questionnaires conducted by the school

Sensitive personal data includes information such as racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious beliefs, biometric data, sexual orientation, and health information. This data is treated with even greater care than other personal data.

4. Why the school uses the data

The school processes personal data for multiple reasons related to its business operations. This includes collecting data for providing education and training services, as well as pastoral, welfare and educational support services. The school also processes data for recruitment and promotion decisions, payment purposes, staff training and development, and to comply with legal obligations related to data sharing and workforce management. In addition, the school uses CCTV to maintain premises security and prevent and investigate crime. Other purposes for data processing include supporting effective performance management, improving the management of workforce data across the sector, and conducting research and surveys to assess the quality of the school's services. The school may receive data from individuals directly, as well as from other sources such as examination boards, medical professionals, and other schools.

5. Processing of Personal Data

Unless the processing is required for the school to meet its commitments, the school may need consent before processing any personal data. All personal information that satisfies the definition of personal information and is not otherwise exempt will be treated in confidence will only be provided to third parties with the appropriate individual's agreement or as required by law.

6. Sensitive Personal Data

The school may, from time to time, be required to process sensitive personal data regarding staff.

The school processes sensitive personal data where this is necessary for the purposes of its provision of education and training (including the monitoring of the effectiveness of its services), pastoral, welfare and educational support services, recording sickness absence, assessing fitness to work, making reasonable adjustments, administering sick pay, equalities monitoring, to administer school property services and cafeteria services, to maintain its accounts and records, to assess the quality of the school's services, to carry out research, to comply with the law regarding data sharing and to support and manage its staff. The school will take careful measures to safeguard the right to data protection. This includes the secure storage of such data on its site, and the encryption of any electronic documents shared externally.

7. The school's legal basis for using this data

The school collects and uses staff and third-party data when the law allows it to. It is processed:

- To fulfil the contract the school has entered into with you;
- In order for the school to comply with a legal obligation;
- When the school needs to perform an official task in the public interest;
- When the processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the school, and such interests are not overridden by the interests or fundamental rights of the data subject which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child.

In most cases, sensitive personal data is handled with explicit consent, or it serves a significant public interest or protects important interests. The consent can be revoked at any time.

8. How the school stores this data

The school keeps personal information about staff in an employment file for each staff member. The information contained in this file is kept secure and is only used for the purposes directly relevant to your employment.

Once employment has ended, it will retain the file and delete the information in it in accordance with its records management schedule/policy. On request, the school can provide a copy of its record retention management schedule.

The school keeps personal information about contractors and third parties for as long as it is reasonably required in order to fulfil the contractual and/or other lawful purpose for which the data was collected.

9. Sharing data

The school may share information with a number of organizations, including local authorities, government agencies, suppliers, organizations that support health and social welfare, employment and recruitment agencies, financial organizations, police forces, courts, tribunals, and survey and research firms.

In addition, the school shares data and photographs of its public events and of school life by placing them on the school's website and its social media platforms or in the school's brochure. The school's policy is not to include personal data of individuals in such external publications without their consent, nor to publish photographs of lessons or internal school activities without consent. The annual yearbook, made available to purchase internally to the school community, contains staff photographs, and their inclusion is considered in the school's legitimate interests. As regards to photographs of school events, which are open to the public, it may not, however, be practicable to ensure that each and every person there depicted has consented to the photograph being published. The school will, nevertheless, take reasonable efforts to ensure that such publications do not unduly infringe the privacy of any individuals attending those events.

From time to time, the school may receive requests from third parties to disclose personal data it holds about staff, volunteers, contractors or third parties. The school confirms, that it will not generally disclose information unless the individual has given their consent or one of the specific exemptions under the GDPR applies. However, the school does intend to disclose such data as is necessary to third parties for the following purpose:

- To give a confidential reference relating to a member of staff or contractor to any educational institution which the member of staff or contractor has applied to.

Where the school receives a disclosure request from a third party it will take reasonable steps to verify the identity of that third party before making any disclosure. Whenever possible, individuals will further be notified prior to disclosing any information about them to third parties.

10. Transferring data internationally

When sending personal data to nations outside the United Kingdom and the European Economic Area, the school complies with data protection laws.

11. Rights of Access

Individuals are entitled to access their personal data that the school has on file. Individuals can write to the DPL to request access. Access to some information is prohibited, including information that could be used to identify someone else or cause them grief.

The school acknowledges that an individual may have the right of access to a reference relating to them received by the school. However, such a reference will only be disclosed if such disclosure will not identify the source of the reference or where, notwithstanding this, the referee has given their consent or if disclosure is reasonable in all the circumstances.

12. Other Rights

According to data protection law, individuals have a number of rights, such as the ability to stop direct marketing, object to automated decision-making, amend faulty data, and seek damages for data breaches if the use of their personal data would cause them harm.

13. Accuracy

The school endeavors to keep personal data accurate and up-to-date, and individuals can request changes.

14. Security

Reasonable steps will be taken to ensure, that only relevant personal information will be accessible to staff and will be protected from unauthorized access.

15. Enforcement

Complaints can be directed to the Data Protection Lead Matthias Krauss.
Matthias.Krauss@dslondon.org.uk

Alternatively, the individual can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office.

- Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns>
- Call 0303 123 1113
- Write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

16. Contact us

Please get in touch with our Data Protection Lead if you have any queries, worries, or would like more information about anything contained in this privacy notice:

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