

## School's Workforce Census – Privacy Notice – November 2020

The school workforce census is a statutory data collection that takes place each autumn.

Local Authorities and Schools must complete statutory censuses by law.

The census collects data on all teaching and support staff in regular employment, including those working for:

- local authorities on central contracts
- local-authority-maintained schools
- [academies](#)
- [free schools](#), including:
  - studio schools
  - university technical colleges
  - pupil referral units (local authority establishments that provide education for children who cannot attend a mainstream school)

Local authorities are also responsible for:

- co-ordinating and approving the submission of census data from all their maintained schools
- submitting data for centrally employed school staff

The Royal Borough of Greenwich's Privacy Notices are available here:

- RBG: [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/privacynotice](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/privacynotice)
- HR Professional Services: [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/HRprivacynotice](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/HRprivacynotice)
- School: [www.meridian.greenwich.sch.uk](http://www.meridian.greenwich.sch.uk)

## The categories of information that we process for SWC

These include:

- personal information (such as name, employee or teacher number, national insurance number)
- characteristics information (such as gender, age, ethnic group)
- contract information (such as start date, hours worked, post, roles and salary information)
- work absence information (such as number of absences and reasons)
- qualifications (and, where relevant, subjects taught)

## Why we collect and use workforce information

We use workforce data to:

- a) enable the development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed
- b) inform the development of recruitment and retention policies
- c) enable individuals to be paid

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the legal basis / bases we rely on for processing personal information for general purposes are set out within [GDPR – Article 6](#), in addition to the conditions of [GDPR – Article 9](#).

## Collecting workforce information

We collect personal information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be contained in application forms, CVs or resumes, obtained from your passport or other identity documents, or collected through interviews or other forms of assessment, including online tests.

We may also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by previous employers, information from employment background check providers and information from criminal records checks (for applicable posts) where job offers have been made.

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

## Storing workforce information

Personal information will be held in line with our document retention policy. Personal data will not be retained for longer than necessary and only for the purposes for which it was collected and for the ongoing monitoring of equality of opportunity.

## Who we share workforce information with

We routinely share this information with:

- our local authority (where applicable)
- the Department for Education (DfE)

## Why we share school workforce information

We do not share information about our workforce members with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Local Authority Schools are required to share information about our workforce members with the local authority (LA) under section 5 of the Education (Supply of Information about the School Workforce) (England) Regulations 2007 and amendments.

### Department for Education

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 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.

### 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 Sharon Crawford, SAO.

Depending on the lawful basis above, you may 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/>

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by DfE, please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### **Contact**

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: Sharon Cawford, SAO.

### **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.

### **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>