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Data Protection Policy

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The school collects and uses personal information about staff, pupils, parents and other individuals who come into contact with the school. This information is gathered in order to enable it to provide education and other associated functions. In addition, there may be a legal requirement to collect and use information to ensure that the school complies with its statutory obligations.

Schools have a duty to notify the Information Commissioner and to be included in the Register of Data Protection Fee Payers. These details are then available on the ICO's website. As a Public Authority, as defined by the Freedom of Information Act, Schools must designate a Data Protection Officer who has been appointed by the Powys County Council .

Schools also have a duty to issue a Privacy Notice to all relevant individuals, which summarises the information held on individuals, why it is held, how long for, the purpose behind collection and the other parties to whom it may be passed on.

Purpose

This policy is intended to ensure that personal information is dealt with correctly and securely and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018, and other related legislation. It will apply to information regardless of the way it is collected, used, recorded, stored and destroyed, and irrespective of whether it is held in paper audio, video or electronic files.

All staff involved with the collection, processing and disclosure of personal data must be aware of their duties and responsibilities by adhering to these guidelines. Negligent or malicious non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action being taken.

Responsibilities

The Head Teacher and Chair of Governors have overall responsibility for ensuring compliance with this policy and with Data Protection legislation.

Advice should be sought from the DPO (Schools) on data protection matters and reports of data protection breaches.

Heads of Departments are responsible for:

- ensuring that all systems, processes, records and datasets within their area are compliant with this policy and with Data Protection legislation;
- assisting the DPO (Schools) in their duty by providing all information and support;
- ensuring that their staff are aware of their data protection responsibilities;
- consulting the DPO (Schools) on new developments in the processing of personal data or issues affecting the use of personal data
- ensuring that Data Protection Impact Assessments are undertaken as appropriate on data processing activities within their area (in consultation with the DPO (Schools)).

All staff are responsible for understanding and complying with relevant policies and procedures for handling personal data appropriate to their role and for reporting any breach of personal data held by the School.

What is Personal Information?

Personal information or data is defined as information which relates to an identified or identifiable living individual.

Data Protection Principles

Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) states that personal data shall be:

- Processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.
- Collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes.
- Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed;
- Accurate and where necessary, kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased or rectified without delay.
- Kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed;
- Processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

The Data Controller shall be responsible for, and be able to demonstrate compliance with, all of the above. This is the “Accountability principle.”

Governance of Data Protection

The School will maintain oversight and transparency in the management of personal data.

The School will meet its accountability duties through the maintenance of the following record keeping systems:

- Up to data privacy notice information for parents, pupils and staff.
- A record of processing activity describing the content, purpose, controls and accountability for each set of records processing personal data
- A log of information security incidents impacting upon personal data held by the school Data Protection by Design

The School will apply data protection by design principles to any new systems that results in high risk processing or those listed by the Information Commissioner

[\(https://ico.org.uk/fororganisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/data-protection-impact-assessments-dpias/when-do-we-need-to-do-a-dpia/\)](https://ico.org.uk/fororganisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/data-protection-impact-assessments-dpias/when-do-we-need-to-do-a-dpia/)

additionally there should be consultation with the DPO (Schools) prior to the acquisition or development of new information systems (including the installation of CCTV).

The DPO (Schools) should be informed and may advise the School that a Data Protection Impact Assessment should be completed in line with the guidance available from the Information Commissioners web site: <https://ico.org.uk/>

All contracts with organisations who are processing personal data on behalf of the School will have GDPR compliant clauses in the contract and be subject to appropriate levels of review and oversight.

The contract will clearly set out the expectations for how external contractors and suppliers must handle personal data relating to pupils, their parents and staff.

Data Accuracy

All staff must only record personal data that is relevant, accurate and appropriate. This personal data must only be held on School management systems and not on personal notes or devices.

All IT systems, forms, templates must be reviewed to ensure that by design they are only able to capture the minimum amount of personal data necessary for the activity.

Data Retention

Personal data must not be retained for longer than is necessary for the purpose for which it was gathered. All documents and media containing personal data should be disposed of securely and if possible using confidential waste methods.

Individual Rights

The School will ensure that an individual's rights over their personal data are respected. These rights include:

The right to be informed that processing is being undertaken

The right of access to own personal data and to specific information about the processing

- The right to object to and prevent processing in certain circumstances
- The right to rectify or restrict processing of inaccurate data
- The right to erasure in certain circumstance
- The right to data portability in some limited circumstances
- The right to have human input in decisions based solely on automated processing

All requests made by individuals relating to their personal data rights should be referred to Mrs Judith Hickey and undertaken in consultation with DPO (Schools). The School must ensure that appropriate action is taken and a response issued without delay and at least within one month.

Information Security incidents

Any information security incident that may impact upon the confidentiality, integrity or availability of personal data held by the School must be reported immediately to the DPO (Schools).

This may include:

- The loss of records, laptops or media containing personal data
- Unauthorised access to information systems containing personal data
- Access to personal data with no identified business need
- Personal data being misdirected to the incorrect recipient
- Loss of access to systems containing personal data

All reported incidents will be recorded to ensure an investigation is undertaken and appropriate mitigation measures are in place and to identify improvements or lessons learnt.

The DPO (Schools) in liaison with the School will consider, where the incident is of sufficient severity or poses a risk to the individual, whether to report the incident to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). Where the DPO (Schools) determines that an incident constitutes a reportable data breach, then they will report the incident to the ICO and liaise as appropriate.

If the data breach constitutes a high risk to the data subject then the School will also notify the data subject.

General Statement

The school is committed to maintaining the above principles at all times. Therefore the school will in summary:

- Inform individuals why the information is being collected when it is collected
- Inform individuals when their information is shared, and why and with whom it was shared
- Check the quality and the accuracy of the information it holds
- Ensure that information is not retained for longer than is necessary
- Ensure that when obsolete information is destroyed that it is done so appropriately and securely
- Ensure that clear and robust safeguards are in place to protect personal information from loss, theft and unauthorised disclosure, irrespective of the format in which it is recorded
- Share information with others only when it is legally appropriate to do so
- Set out procedures to ensure compliance with the duty to respond to requests for access to personal information, known as Subject Access Requests
- Set out procedures to ensure compliance with Article 16 of the GDPR where the individual has the right to obtain rectification of inaccurate personal data concerning him or her. Additionally allowing the data subject to have incomplete personal data completed including by means of providing supplementary statement (these should be reported to the DPO (Schools) for advice and assistance)
- Set out procedures to ensure compliance with Article 17 of the GDPR where the individual has the right to obtain the erasure of personal data concerning him or her In certain circumstances (these should be reported to the DPO (Schools) for advice and assistance)
- Set out procedures to ensure compliance with Article 18 of the GDPR where the individual has the right to obtain the restriction of processing in certain circumstances (these should be reported to the DPO (Schools) for advice and assistance)
- Ensure our staff are aware of and understand our policies and procedures

Complaints

Complaints will be dealt with in accordance with the school's complaints policy. Complaints relating to information handling should be referred to the DPO (Schools) who will advise the school accordingly and who may contact the Information Commissioner (the statutory regulator).

Review

This policy will be reviewed as it is deemed appropriate, but no less frequently than every 2 years. The policy review will be undertaken by the DPO (Schools), Headteacher, or nominated representative.

Contacts

If you have any enquires in relation to this policy, please contact Mrs. Judith Hickey who will also act as the contact point for any subject access requests.

Further advice and information is available from the Information Commissioner’s Office, www.ico.gov.uk or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 029 2044 8400 / www.wales.ico.org.uk for the Wales Regional Office.

Signed by Chair of
Governors:.....

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