

Privacy Notice (How we use workforce information)

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school 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 we employ, or otherwise engage, to work at our school.

Hamstead Hall Academy Trust, Hamstead Hall Academy and Grestone Academy are the 'data controllers' for the purposes of data protection legislation.

The categories of school information that we process 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)
- Bank account details, payroll records
- Recruitment information, including copies of right to work documentation, references and other information included as part of the application process.
- Qualifications and employment records including work history, job titles, work hours, training records and professional memberships (and, where relevant, subjects taught)
- Performance information
- Outcomes of any disciplinary and/or grievance procedures
- Absence data
- Copy of driving licence
- Biometric Data (schools may use an automated biometric fingerprint recognition system which is used to purchase items from the school canteen and in the library to loan books.)
- Photographs and CCTV recordings
- Health & Safety information (such as records of minor injuries and information that is required to comply with the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) requirements.

We may also collect, store and use information about you that falls into "special categories" of more sensitive personal data. This includes information about (where applicable):

- Race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation and political opinions
- Trade union membership
- Health, including any medical conditions, and sickness records

Why we collect and use workforce information

We use workforce data to:

- Enable you to be paid
- 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

Our legal 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:

- Fulfil a contract we have entered into with you
- 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)

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 go about withdrawing consent if you wish to do so.

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

Collecting workforce information

While the majority of information we collect from you is mandatory, there is some information that you can choose whether or not to provide to us.

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.

Storing workforce information

We hold data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule.

Who we share workforce information with

We do not share information about you with any third party without your 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 authorities – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns
- The Department for Education
- Your family or representatives
- Educators and examining bodies
- Our regulator – Ofsted
- Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for, such as payroll
- Financial organisations
- Central and local government
- Our auditors
- Survey and research organisations
- Trade unions and associations
- Health authorities
- Security organisations
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Professional advisers and consultants
- Charities and voluntary organisations
- Police forces, courts, tribunals
- Professional bodies

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, you have the right to request access to information about you that we hold. If you would like to make a request, please contact our data protection officer.

Complaints

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.

To make a complaint, please contact our data protection officer.

Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Contact

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

Tom Bill – billt@hamsteadhall.com tel: 0121 386 7510

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.

To contact the department: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>