

Privacy notice for parents/carers

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the Trust 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 **pupils**.

We, the City of London Academies Trust (of Fourth Floor North Wing, Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ) are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Data Protection Education (see 'Contact us' below).

The personal data we hold

Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about pupils includes, but is not restricted to:

- Contact details, contact preferences, date of birth, identification documents.
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests.
- Pupil and curricular records.
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background, eligibility for free school meals, or special educational needs.
- Exclusion information.
- Details of any medical conditions, including physical and mental health.
- Attendance information.
- Safeguarding information.
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers.
- Photographs.
- CCTV images captured in our academies.

We may also hold data about pupils that we have received from other organisations, including other schools, local authorities and the Department for Education.

Why we use this data

We use this data to:

- Support pupil learning.
- Monitor and report on pupil progress.
- Provide appropriate pastoral care.
- Protect pupil welfare.
- Assess the quality of our services.
- Administer admissions waiting lists.
- Carry out research.
- Comply with the law regarding data sharing.

Our legal basis for using this data

We only collect and use pupils' personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we process it where:

- We need to comply with a legal obligation.
- We need it to perform an official task in the public interest.

Less commonly, we may also process pupils' personal data in situations where:

- We have obtained consent to use it in a certain way.
- We need to protect the individual's vital interests (or someone else's interests).

Where we have obtained consent to use pupils' personal data, this consent can be withdrawn at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for consent and explain how consent can be withdrawn.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using pupils' personal data overlap, and there may be several grounds which justify our use of this data.

Collecting this information

Whilst the majority of information we collect about pupils is mandatory, there is some information that can be provided voluntarily.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you or your child, we make it clear whether providing it is mandatory or optional. If it is mandatory, we will explain the possible consequences of not complying.

How we store this data

We keep personal information about pupils while they are attending one of our academies. We may also keep it beyond their attendance at one of our academies if this is necessary in order to comply with our legal obligations. Our Records Retention Policy sets out how long we keep information about pupils. Please see 'Contact Us' below to request a copy of the Records Retention Policy.

Data sharing

We do not share information about pupils 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 data protection law) we may share personal information about pupils with:

- The local authorities with whom we work – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with them, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions.
- The Department for Education.
- The pupil's family and representatives.
- Educators and examining bodies.
- Ofsted.
- Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for.
- Financial organisations.
- Central and local government.
- Our auditors.
- Survey and research organisations.
- Health authorities.
- Security organisations.
- Health and social welfare organisations.
- Professional advisers and consultants.
- Charities and voluntary organisations.
- Police forces, courts, tribunals.
- Professional bodies.

National Pupil Database

We are required to provide information about pupils to the Department for Education as part of statutory data collections such as the school census and early years census.

Some of this information is then stored in the National Pupil Database (NPD), which is owned and managed by the Department and provides evidence on school performance to inform research.

The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools and academies, local authorities and exam boards.

The Department for Education may share information from the NPD with other organisations which promote children's education or wellbeing in England. Such organisations must agree to strict terms and conditions about how they will use the data.

For more information, see the Department's webpage on how it collects and shares research data. You can also contact the Department for Education with any further questions about the NPD.

Youth support services

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we are legally required to pass on certain information about them to the relevant local authority or youth support services provider in your area, as they have legal responsibilities regarding the education or training of 13-19-year-olds.

This information enables them to provide youth support services, post-16 education and training services, and careers advisers.

Parents/carers, or pupils once aged 16 or over, can contact our data protection officer to request that we only pass the individual's name, address and date of birth to the relevant local authority or youth support services provider.

Transferring data internationally

Where we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

Parents and pupils' rights regarding personal data

Individuals have a right to make a '**subject access request**' to gain access to personal information that the Trust holds about them.

Parents/carers can make a request with respect to their child's data where the child is not considered mature enough to understand their rights over their own data (usually under the age of 12), or where the child has provided consent.

Parents also have the right to make a subject access request with respect to any personal data the Trust holds about them.

There is no automatic parental right of access to the educational record of your child in our academies. However, we will consider any parental requests on an individual basis and may choose to provide the information requested subject to the wider requirements of our Trust Data Protection policy and the General Data Protection Regulation.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you or your child, we will:

- Give you a description of it.
- Tell you why we are holding and processing it, and how long we will keep it for.
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you or your child.
- 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.

Individuals also have the right for their personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances.

If you would like to make a request, please contact our data protection officer.

Other rights

Under data protection law, individuals have certain rights regarding how their personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:

- Object to the use of personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress.
- Prevent it being used to send direct marketing.
- Object to decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person).
- In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected, deleted or destroyed, or restrict processing.
- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations.

To exercise any of these rights, please contact our data protection officer.

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 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 make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

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

Contact us

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

Telephone: 0800 0862018

Email: dpo@dataprotection.education

This notice is based on the Department for Education's model privacy notice for pupils, amended for parents and to reflect the way we use data in our Trust.

Privacy notice for pupils

You have a legal right to be informed about how our Trust and its academies uses any personal information that we hold about you. To comply with this, we provide a 'privacy notice' to you where we are processing your personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about you. We, the City of London Academies Trust (of 4th Floor North Wing, Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ) are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Data Protection Education (see 'Contact us' below).

The personal data we hold

We hold some personal information about you to make sure we can help you learn and look after you at school.

For the same reasons, we get information about you from some other places too – like other schools, the local council and the government.

- This information includes:
- Your contact details.
- Your test results.
- Your attendance records.
- our characteristics, like your ethnic background or any special educational needs.
- Any medical conditions you have.
- Details of any behaviour issues or exclusions.
- Photographs.
- CCTV images.

Why we use this data

We use this data to help run each academy, including to:

- Get in touch with you and your parents when we need to.
- Check how you're doing in exams and work out whether you or your teachers need any extra help.
- Track how well the academy is performing as a whole.
- Look after your wellbeing.

Our legal basis for using this data

We will only collect and use your information when the law allows us to. Most often, we will use your information where:

- We need to comply with the law.
- We need to use it to carry out a task in the public interest (in order to provide you with an education).

Sometimes, we may also use your personal information where:

- You, or your parents/carers have given us permission to use it in a certain way.
- We need to protect your interests (or someone else's interest).

Where we have got permission to use your data, you or your parents/carers may withdraw this at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for permission and explain how to go about withdrawing consent.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using your information overlap, and there may be several grounds which mean we can use your data.

Collecting this information

While in most cases you, or your parents/carers, must provide the personal information we need to collect, there are some occasions when you can choose whether to provide the data or not.

We will always tell you if it's optional. If you must provide the data, we will explain what might happen if you don't.

How we store this data

We will keep personal information about you while you are a pupil at one of our academies. We may also keep it after you have left the academy, where we are required to by law.

We have a Records Retention Policy which sets out how long we must keep information about pupils. Please see 'Contact Us' below to request a copy of the Records Retention Policy.

Data sharing

We do not share personal information about you with anyone outside the Trust or our academies without permission from you or your parents/carers, unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary for another reason allowed under data protection law, we may share personal information about you with:

- The local authorities with whom we work – to meet our legal duties to share certain information with it, such as concerns about pupils' safety and exclusions.
- The Department for Education (a government department).
- Your family and representatives.
- Educators and examining bodies.
- Our regulator Ofsted (the organisation or "watchdog" that supervises us).
- Suppliers and service providers – so that they can provide the services we have contracted them for.
- Financial organisations.
- Central and local government.
- Our auditors.
- Survey and research organisations.
- Health authorities.
- Security organisations.
- Health and social welfare organisations.
- Professional advisers and consultants.
- Charities and voluntary organisations.
- Police forces, courts, tribunals.
- Professional bodies.

National Pupil Database

We are required to provide information about you to the Department for Education (a government department) as part of data collections such as the school census.

Some of this information is then stored in the National Pupil Database, which is managed by the Department for Education and provides evidence on how schools are performing. This, in turn, supports research.

The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information it holds is collected securely from schools, local authorities, exam boards and others.

The Department for Education may share information from the database with other organisations which promote children's education or wellbeing in England. These organisations must agree to strict terms and conditions about how they will use your data.

You can find more information about this on the Department for Education's webpage on how it collects and shares research data.

You can also contact the Department for Education if you have any questions about the database.

Youth support services

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This information enables it to provide youth support services, post-16 education and training services, and careers advisers.

Your parents/carers, or you once you're 16, can contact our data protection officer to ask us to only pass your name, address and date of birth to your local authority or youth support services provider.

Transferring data internationally

Where we share data with an organisation that is based outside the European Economic Area, we will protect your data by following data protection law.

Your rights

How to access personal information we hold about you

You can find out if we hold any personal information about you, and how we use it, by making a '**subject access request**', as long as we judge that you can properly understand your rights and what they mean.

If we do hold information about you, we will:

- Give you a description of it.
- Tell you why we are holding and using it, and how long we will keep it for.
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you or your parents.
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with.
- Let you know if we are using your data to make any automated decisions (decisions being taken by a computer or machine, rather than by a person).
- Give you a copy of the information.

You may also ask us to send your personal information to another organisation electronically in certain circumstances.

If you want to make a request, please contact our data protection officer.

Your other rights over your data

- You have other rights over how your personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:
- Say that you don't want it to be used if this would cause, or is causing, harm or distress.
- Stop it being used to send you marketing materials.
- Say that you don't want it used to make automated decisions (decisions made by a computer or machine, rather than by a person).
- Have it corrected, deleted or destroyed if it is wrong, or restrict our use of it.
- Claim compensation if the data protection rules are broken and this harms you in some way.

Complaints

We take any complaints about how we collect and use your personal data very seriously, so please let us know if you think we've done something wrong.

You can make a complaint at any time by contacting our data protection officer.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office in one of the following ways:

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

- Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.
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Privacy notice for staff

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This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about individuals we employ, or otherwise engage, to work at our Trust.

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The personal data we hold

We process data relating to those we employ, or otherwise engage, to work at our Trust. Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about you includes, but is not restricted to:

- 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.
- Photographs.
- CCTV footage.
- Data about your use of the Trust's information and communications system.

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 use this data

The purpose of processing this data is to help us run the Trust, including 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 ethnicity and disability monitoring.
- Improve the management of workforce data across the sector.
- Support the work of the School Teachers' Review Body.

Our lawful 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 Trust's use of your data.

Collecting this 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.

How we store this data

We create and maintain an employment file for each staff member. The information contained in this file is kept secure and is only used for purposes directly relevant to your employment.

Once your employment with us has ended, we will retain this file and delete the information in it in accordance with our Records Retention Policy.

Please see 'Contact Us' below to request a copy of the Records Retention Policy.

Data sharing

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:

- The local authorities with whom we work – 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.
- Employment and recruitment agencies.

Transferring data internationally

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Your rights

How to access personal information we hold about you

Individuals have a right to make a ‘**subject access request**’ to gain access to personal information that the Trust holds about them.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you, we will:

- Give you a description of it.
- Tell you why we are holding and 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 our data protection officer.

Your other rights regarding your data

Under data protection law, individuals have certain rights regarding how their personal data is used and kept safe. You have the right to:

- Object to the use of your personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress.
- Prevent your data being used to send direct marketing.
- Object to 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, deleted or destroyed, or restrict processing.
- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations.

To exercise any of these rights, please contact our data protection officer.

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 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 make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

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This notice is based on the Department for Education's model privacy notice for the school workforce, amended to reflect the way we use data in our Trust

Candidate Privacy Notice

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the Trust 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 as part of our recruitment process.

We, the City of London Academies Trust (of Fourth Floor North Wing, Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ) are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Data Protection Education (see 'Contact us' below).

As part of any recruitment process, we collect and process personal data relating to job applicants. We are committed to being transparent about how we collect and use that data and to meeting our data protection obligations.

What information do we collect?

We collect a range of information about you, this includes:

- Your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number.
- Relevant documentation which confirms your identification and proof of address.
- Details of your education, qualifications and training, including membership of professional bodies.
- Information about your current level of remuneration, including benefit entitlements.
- Information about your continuous service in Local Government Employment.
- Details of your skills, experience, current employment and previous employment.
- Details of relationships you may have with current employees within the Trust.
- Relevant information to enable us to undertake safer recruitment in education checks, including details of referees.
- Whether or not you have a disability for which we need to make reasonable adjustments during the recruitment process.
- Information about your entitlement to work in the UK.
- Equal opportunities monitoring information, including information about your ethnic origin, sexual orientation, health, and religion or belief.

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

We will also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers, information from employment background check providers, and information from criminal records checks.

Data will be stored in a range of different places, including on your application record, in HR management systems and on other IT systems (including email).

Why do we process personal data?

We need to process data to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract with you. We also need to process your data to enter into a contract with you.

In some cases, we need to process data to ensure that we are complying with our legal obligations. For example, we are required to check a successful applicant's eligibility to work in the UK before employment starts.

We have a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job applicants allows us to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's suitability for employment and decide to whom to offer a job. We may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against legal claims.

We process health information if we need to make reasonable adjustments to the recruitment process for candidates who have a disability. This is to carry out our obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

Where we process other special categories of data, such as information about ethnic origin, sexual orientation, health, religion or belief, age, gender or marital status, this is done for the purposes of equal opportunities monitoring with the explicit consent of job applicants, which can be withdrawn at any time.

We are obliged to seek information about criminal convictions and offences. Where we seek this information, we do so because it is necessary for us to carry out our obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

If your application is unsuccessful, we will keep your personal data on file in case there are future employment opportunities for which you may be suited. We will ask for your consent before we keep your data for this purpose and you are free to withdraw your consent at any time.

Who has access to data?

Your information will be shared internally for the purposes of the recruitment exercise. This includes members of the academy staff who carry out HR activities, the central HR team and interviewers involved in the recruitment process, managers in the business area with a vacancy and IT staff if access to the data is necessary for the performance of their roles.

To meet our duties under Keeping Children Safe in Education, we are required to obtain references from your former employers as part of the interview process. We will not share your data with third parties for this purpose without your consent.

The organisation will share data with third parties with employment background check providers to obtain necessary background checks and the Disclosure and Barring Service to obtain necessary criminal records checks.

How do we protect data?

We take security of your data seriously. We have internal policies and controls in place to try to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by its employees in the performance of their duties. For more information, please refer to the City of London Academies Trust Data Protection Policy.

Where we engage third parties to process personal data on our behalf, we do so based on written instructions, are under a duty of confidentiality and are obliged to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of data.

How long we keep your personal information

If your application for employment is unsuccessful, we will hold your data on file for up to six months after the end of the relevant recruitment process. At the end of that period, or once you withdraw your consent, your data is deleted or destroyed.

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained during your employment. The periods for which your data will be held will be provided to you in a separate Privacy Statement.

Your rights

You have the right to:

- Ask for access to your personal information. This is called a 'subject access request.'
- Ask for rectification of the information we hold about you.
- Ask for the erasure of information about you.
- Ask for our processing of your personal information to be restricted.
- Data portability.
- Object to us processing your information.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you, we will:

- Give you a description of it.
- Tell you why we are holding and 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.
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If at any time you are not happy with how we are processing your personal information, then you may raise the issue with the Data Protection Officer. If you are not happy with the outcome, you may raise a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office: Information Commissioner's Office:

- Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.
- Call 0303 123 1113.
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What if you do not provide personal data?

You are under no statutory or contractual obligation to provide data to us during the recruitment process. However, if you do not provide the information, we may not be able to process your application properly or at all.

You are under no obligation to provide information for equal opportunities monitoring purposes and there are no consequences for your application if you choose not to provide such information.