

Privacy Notice for School Governors and Volunteers

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 working with the school in a voluntary capacity, including School Governors.

We, **Hester's Way Primary School**, are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

The personal data we hold

The personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (where appropriate) about you includes, but is not restricted to:

- Contact details and contact preferences
- Date of birth, marital status and gender
- References
- Documents to support an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service application, such as copies of Passports, Bank statements, Birth and Marriage Certificates
- Evidence of qualifications
- Employment/employer details
- Photographs
- 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
- Disability, health and access requirements

Why we use this data

The personal data collected is essential, in order for the school to fulfil their official functions and meet legal requirements. We collect and use governance information, for the following purposes:

- Establish and maintain effective governance
- Meet statutory obligations placed upon us
- Facilitate safe recruitment, as part of our safeguarding obligations towards pupils
- Identify you and safely evacuate the school in the event of an emergency
- Enable equalities monitoring
- Ensure that appropriate access arrangements can be provided for volunteers who require them

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:

- Comply with a legal obligation
- Carry out a task in the public interest
- Where we have legitimate interests in processing the data for example, the use of photographs to enable us to clearly identify you in the event of an emergency evacuation
- 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.

We rely on processing personal information for general purposes under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018.

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

Personal data is stored in line with our school retention schedule.

We maintain a file to store personal information about all volunteers. The information contained in this file is kept secure and is only used for purposes directly relevant to work with the school.

When this information is no longer required, we will delete your information in accordance with our school retention schedule.

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. We routinely share with the Local Authority and Department for Education.

Where it is legally required, or necessary (and it complies with data protection law) we may share personal information about you with:

Government Departments or Agencies – to meet our legal obligations to share information about school Governors

Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as Governor details

Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for, such as Governor/Volunteer support

Professional advisers and consultants

Employment and recruitment agencies

Police forces, courts

Department for Education (DfE)

The Department for Education (DfE) collects personal data from educational providers and local authorities. We are required to share information about individuals in governance roles with the Department for Education (DfE).

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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.

Requesting access to your personal information

Individuals have a right to make a **'subject access request'** to gain access to personal information that the school 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 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:

- ask us for access to information about you that we hold
- have your personal data rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing
- restrict our processing of your personal data (i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing)
- object to direct marketing (including profiling) and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics
- not be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a legal or similarly significant effect on you

Contact Us

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please ask a member of our office team, or email our Data Protection Officer at schoolsdpo@qloucestershire.qov.uk

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 Gloucestershire County Council who are the Schools Data Protection Officer.

Contact details: 01452 583619 or email schoolsdpo@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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

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Signed copy held in school office.