

Data Protection Policy

It is the responsibility of all Cathedral Schools Trust employees and volunteers to familiarise themselves with the contents of all Trust policies and any amendments hereafter.

Please note that Trust includes all schools and related parties within Cathedral Schools Trust

Throughout this document reference to the “Trust” means Cathedral Schools Trust (CST) and each academy/free school, “Trust Board” means the board of trustees of CST and “parents” means parents and/or carers.

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Alterations

This Policy may be altered, added to or repealed by a majority resolution of the Trustees of CST in a general meeting.

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1 Policy Statement

Cathedral Schools Trust and each School within the Trust are fully committed to compliance with the requirements of the UK General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018. The Trust will therefore aim to ensure that all employees, contractors, agents, consultants, or partners of the Trust who have access to any personal data held by or on behalf of the Trust, are fully aware of and abide by their duties and responsibilities under the Regulation.

2 Purpose

The Trust needs to collect and use certain types of information about people with whom it deals in order to perform its functions. This includes information on current, past and prospective pupils and employees, suppliers, clients, customers, service users and others with whom it communicates. The Trust is required by law to collect and use certain types of information to fulfil its statutory duties and also to comply with the legal requirements of the Government. This personal information must be dealt with properly whether it is collected, recorded and used on paper, computer, or other material. There are safeguards to ensure this in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018.

The Trust regards the lawful and correct treatment of personal information as critical to successful operations, and to maintaining confidence between those with whom we deal and ourselves. It is essential that it treats personal information lawfully and correctly.

The purpose of this policy is to explain how the Trust will ensure compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018. It includes organisational measures and individual responsibilities which aim to ensure that the Trust complies with the Data Protection principles and respects the rights of individuals. This policy provides outline measures and puts in place a structure for monitoring compliance.

Detailed procedures and guidance do not form part of this overarching policy document. The detailed guidance can be accessed via the Trust/School. Other related policies are listed under Section 15.

3 Legal Context and Definitions

3.1 UK General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018

The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 governs how information about people (Personal Data) should be treated. It also gives rights to individuals whose data is held. The Regulation came into force on 25 May 2018 and applies to all personal data collected at any time whether held on computer or manual record. The Regulation is enforced by the Information Commissioner.

The UK GDPR makes a distinction between personal data and "sensitive" personal data. Sensitive personal data is subject to stricter conditions of processing.

Personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.

Sensitive personal data is defined as personal data consisting of information as to:

Racial or ethnic origin; political opinions; religious or philosophical beliefs; or trade union membership; genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation.

A **Data Subject** is an individual who is the subject of the data.

A **Data Controller** is an organisation, or person that determines the purposes for which and the manner in which any personal data is to be processed.

A **Data processor** is any organisation or person who processes data on behalf of the data controller.

Processing means any operation or set of operations which is performed on personal data or on sets of personal data, whether or not by automated means, such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction.

The UK GDPR contains 6 principles for processing personal data with which organisations must comply.

Personal data shall be:

- (1) processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject ('lawfulness, fairness and transparency');
- (2) collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall, in accordance with Article 89(1), not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes ('purpose limitation');
- (3) adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed ('data minimisation');
- (4) 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 ('accuracy');
- (5) 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; personal data may be stored for longer periods insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational measures required by this Regulation in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of the data subject ('storage limitation');
- (6) 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 ('integrity and confidentiality').

Data subject rights are:

- The right to be informed that processing is being undertaken.
- The right of access to one's personal information.
- The right to rectification for information which is regarded as wrong information.
- The right to erasure in certain circumstances.
- The right to restrict processing in certain circumstances.
- The right to data portability.
- The right to object in certain circumstances.
- The right to have decisions reviewed where they have been made automatically in relation to automated decision making and profiling

4 Scope**4.1 Context of this policy**

This policy applies to all the Staff, Contractors and organisations that use personal data in support of their work on behalf of the Trust.

The policy should be read in conjunction with the Employee Code of Conduct governing the professional conduct and standards of staff.

The policy links with other Trust policies including Freedom of Information and Information Access Policy, Records Management Policy, ICT Security Policy, Email and Internet Use Policies, Human Resources Policies, Criminal Records Bureau Staff checks (Disclosure and Barring Service) Policy and Procedures, CCTV Protocols.

This policy may be supported by other policies and agreements and information sharing protocols for specific areas of work.

This policy may be supported by procedures and guidance for specific areas of work or specific data protection issues, which can be obtained from the Trust/School.

This policy replaces the previous data protection policy.

4.2 Personal data held

This policy applies to all processing of personal data held by the Trust. This includes:

- Personal data processed by the Trust.
- Personal data controlled by the Trust but processed by another organisation, on the Trust's behalf (for example private sector contractors; and Service Level Agreements with voluntary sector organisations).
- Personal data processed jointly by the Trust and its partners

The policy does not cover personal data held by the Local Authority or the Department for Education which are data controllers in their own right.

Personal data held by the Trust may be held in many forms including:

- Database records;
- Computer files;
- Emails;
- Paper files;
- CCTV and video recordings;
- Sound recordings;
- Photographs;
- Microfiche and film;
- Website;
- Mobile phones.

Data subjects may include:

- Current, past and prospective employees and pupils;
- Parents and other pupil or staff contacts;
- Suppliers;
- Clients;
- Customers;
- Service users;
- Others with whom the Trust communicates.

5 Responsibilities and Penalties

5.1 Organisational Responsibilities

Cathedral Schools Trust and each School within the Trust is a data controller under the UK General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018.

5.2 Individual Responsibilities

Every employee must comply with this policy. Failure to comply with the policy may result in disciplinary action which could include dismissal.

All contractors/ service providers must comply with the policy when using personal data supplied to / held by the Trust to facilitate the Commissioned Service being provided.

It is a criminal offence to access personal data held by the Trust for other than Trust business, or to procure the disclosure of personal data to a third party.

It is a further offence to sell such data.

Employees who access or use personal data held by the Trust for their own purposes will be in breach of relevant policies of the Trust, including but not limited to the Employee Code of Conduct, Social Media Policy, ICT Security Policy and subject to disciplinary action, which could include dismissal, and may also face criminal proceedings.

6 Purposes of Processing Personal Data and Fairness

The Trust will collect and process personal data only to the extent that it is needed to fulfil operational needs or to comply with any legal requirements.

The Trust will use a condition of processing as detailed in Article 6(1) of the UK GDPR of their personal data.

- (a) the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes;
- (b) processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract;
- (c) processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject;
- (d) processing is necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person;
- (e) processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller;

When sensitive data is collected, the Trust will use a condition of processing as detailed in Article 9 of the UK GDPR. These include protecting the vital interests of the data subject or meeting a legal obligation.

In cases where consent is obtained, the consent must be free and informed and may be changed at any time.

The Trust will, as far as is practicable, ensure that all individuals whose details are processed are aware of the way in which that information will be held, used and disclosed. Individuals will, where possible, be informed of the likely recipients of the information - whether the recipients are internal or external to the Trust.

This information will be provided when personal data is first collected, whether written or verbal.

When personal data is to be used for a new purpose then the fairness information will be provided to the data subject again and if necessary a new consent will be sought.

People are free to ask for more details about how their personal data is being used at any time and if unhappy about how their data is used may make a complaint.

Any person whose details (including photographs) are to be included on the Trust/School's website will be asked to give written consent. At the time the information is included or collected, all such individuals will be properly informed about the consequences of their data being disseminated worldwide.

In accordance with good practice the Trust will share information where appropriate in accordance with formal data sharing arrangements and in accordance with the UK GDPR principles.

7 Data Quality, Integrity and Retention

Personal data held will be relevant to the stated purpose and adequate but not excessive.

The Trust will ensure, as far as is practicable, that the information held is accurate and up-to-date.

If personal data is found to be inaccurate, this will be remedied as soon as possible.

Personal information, such as contact details, may be shared within the Trust/School where it is necessary to keep records accurate and up-to-date, and in order to provide individuals with a better service.

Records may include professional opinions about individuals but employees will not record any personal opinions about individuals.

The Trust's use of personal data will comply with the Records Management Policy and Retention Schedules covering every type of Trust record.

Information will only be held for as long as is necessary after which the details will normally be deleted. Where details of individuals are stored for long-term archive or historical reasons, and where it is necessary to retain the personal detail within the records, it will be done within the requirements of the legislation.

Redundant personal data will be destroyed using the Trust's procedure for disposal of confidential waste and in accordance with retention schedules.

8 Security

Any inappropriate, unauthorised access of data, use or misuse of data or failure to comply with ICT security arrangements and policies may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

The Trust will implement appropriate technical and organisational security measures so that unauthorised staff and other individuals are prevented from gaining access to personal information.

An employee must only access personal data they need to use as part of their job. Inappropriate or unauthorised access may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal and criminal prosecution.

The Trust has an ICT Security Policy which applies to electronic systems containing personal data.

All data breaches (however minor) should be reported via the process detailed in the Information Security Incident procedures.

All staff within the Trust will take steps to ensure that personal data is kept secure at all times against unauthorised or unlawful loss or disclosure.

Manual files and other records or documents containing personal/sensitive data will be kept in a secure environment and accessed on a need-to-know basis only.

Personal data held on computers and computer systems will be installed with user-profile type password controls, encryption and where necessary, audit and access trails to establish that each user is fully authorised. Personal data should not be held on unencrypted electronic devices.

Security arrangements will be reviewed regularly, any reported breaches or potential weaknesses will be investigated and, where necessary, further or alternative measures will be introduced to secure the data.

Employees who process personal data out of the Trust (e.g. on another site, at home) can only do this with the express consent of their Executive Principal/Head Teacher. Access to personal data outside of the Trust should not be attempted using unsecured access systems (this includes via mobile networks outside of the UK unless the network has been checked in advance to be compliant under data protection law).

System testing will only be carried out using personal data where sufficient safeguards are in place and will not be undertaken on live databases accessing live personal sensitive data.

Personal data will not be transferred outside the UK without the approval of the data controller.

9 Data Subjects Rights

The Trust will ensure that the rights of people about whom the information is held can be fully exercised under the Regulation.

The Trust will provide individuals with a copy of the information held about them within one month of receiving a request (subject access). This period may be extended by two further months where necessary, taking into account the complexity and number of the requests.

On receiving a request for subject access the Trust will check and require evidence of the identity of the individual and any further information required to isolate the records of that individual.

Where a subject access request has a broad scope, the Trust may ask for more details from the data subject in order to locate the information that is of particular interest.

Where a large volume of information is held, the Trust may seek to make the information available in ways other than providing a copy. This could include arranging an appointment for the data to be inspected within the Trust.

In addition to the personal data itself, the individual will be provided with any supporting information that is needed to understand the data held, and the processing of it.

Where information located as part of a subject access request contains personal data about a third party, information will not be released unless the requirements set out in section 10.1 are met.

The introduction of the right of access to non-personal information held by the Trust under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 may also need to be considered. This is because some requests may be for a combination of personal and non-personal information.

The Trust has a Subject Access Form for Applicants and a Subject Access Procedure for Staff receiving requests to follow.

The Trust will comply immediately with a request from an individual to cease sending them marketing or consultation information.

Requests from individuals to correct, rectify, block, or erase information that they regard as wrong information or to stop processing that is causing damage or distress will be considered by the Trust on a case by case basis. The individual concerned will be fully informed of the resulting decision and the reasons for it. Legal advice will be sought by the Trust should a request not be supported, or if considered sensitive/complex before coming to a decision.

An individual wishing to exercise any of their rights under the UK GDPR should put their request in writing to the Trust.

All Subject Access requests received will be recorded for monitoring and reporting purposes.

10 Disclosure and Sharing

10.1 Third party access to information

Where a request for personal data is made by a third party on behalf of the data subject it shall be treated as a subject access request. Evidence is required that the third party is entitled to act in this way, such as a written statement from the data subject or an enduring power of attorney. Appropriate professionals may need to be consulted before a decision to release the personal data is made.

Occasionally third party information may form part of the data extracted in response to a subject access request. In deciding whether to release this information, the Trust will consider the following:

- any duty of confidentiality owed to the third party;
- attempts to get consent from the third party;
- any express refusal of consent from the third party;
- the third party's expectations with respect to that data.

When a request for personal data is made by a third party and not on behalf of the data subject, the Trust shall consider the request under Freedom of Information as well as UK GDPR. It shall consider whether releasing the personal data would breach any of the Data Protection principles and in particular whether any exemptions under UK GDPR apply. Personal information will not be shared with third parties unless specifically allowed for in law and justified in the specific situation.

The Freedom of Information policy/publication scheme deals with requests for information about third parties, and information will be withheld where disclosing it would breach any of the Data Protection principles. Where a requester does not state a specific reason for requesting the information then the FOI policy should be followed. A response to an FOI request must not take into account the reasons behind the request.

When there is a specific reason for requesting the information, an exemption under UK GDPR may apply. Examples are where information is required for the prevention or detection of crime, apprehension or prosecution of offenders or assessment or collection of tax.

If an appropriate exemption under UK GDPR does apply so that the Data Protection principles will not be breached, the Trust will usually comply with the request. However, without a Court Order there is no obligation on the Trust to disclose the information.

Where the Trust is not convinced that the third party has entitlement to the personal data, or that any exemptions under UK GDPR apply, and that releasing information would breach the Data Protection principles, the personal data will be withheld and only released on presentation of a Court Order.

10.2 Information sharing

The Trust promotes information sharing where it is in the best interests of the data subject. However, personal sensitive data will not be shared unless it is in connection with the primary purpose for which the information was collected, or the data subject has explicitly given their permission for the information to be shared for this purpose, or another legal provision (UK GDPR exemption exists) to allow the sharing such information.

The Trust will ensure that supporting processes and documentation are made available to professionals so that they understand how to share information safely and lawfully.

Where an employee acting in good faith has shared information in accordance with these supporting processes and documentation, they shall not normally be subject to disciplinary action under section 5.2, hereof.

Sharing large sets of information, or recurrent regular sharing shall be carried out under written agreement to ensure the continued compliance with the UK GDPR and that additional safeguards can be considered and put in place.

10.3 Contractual and partnership arrangements

When the Trust enters contractual or partnership arrangements which involve the processing of personal data, a written agreement will specify which party is data controller or whether there are joint data controller arrangements. Where a third party is processing personal data and information on behalf of the Trust, a written contract will

be put in place. Specific care will be taken in respect of services provided online and via 'the cloud'.

Where the Trust remains as data controller, it will take steps to ensure that the processing by its contractors and sub-contractors will comply with UK GDPR. Contractors will not be able to subcontract Data Processing without the explicit written permission of the Trust. Staff will take reasonable steps to ensure that data processing by third parties is regularly monitored to ensure UK GDPR requirements are being met.

Where the parties are data controllers jointly or in common, the Trust will liaise with the other party to ensure that all processing complies with UK GDPR. The responsibilities of each data controller should be expressly and clearly laid out.

All contractors who are users of personal information supplied by the Trust will be required to confirm that they will abide by the requirements of the Regulation to the same standard as the Trust with regard to information supplied by the Trust. Staff should obtain advice from Legal Services as necessary.

All contractors, consultants, partners or agents of the Trust must ensure that they and all of their staff who have access to personal data held or processed for or on behalf of the Trust, are aware of this policy and are fully trained in and are aware of their duties and responsibilities under the Regulation. Any breach of any provision of the Regulation will be deemed as being a breach of the contract between the Trust and that individual, company, partner or firm. The Trust shall take reasonable steps to ensure regular monitoring of contracts and specifically the security of data being processed on its behalf.

Any observed or suspected security incidents or security concerns should be reported to the Trust.

All contractors, consultants, partners or agents of the Trust must allow data protection audits by the Trust of data held on its behalf if requested in line with these contractual arrangements.

All contractors, consultants, partners or agents of the Trust must indemnify the Trust against any prosecutions, claims, proceedings, actions or payments of compensation or damages, without limitation.

11 Notification

The Trust has a notification registered with the Information Commissioner under registration number ZA177193

12 Subject Access Requests and Data Protection Complaints

Subject access requests and data protection complaints should be addressed to:

Ashton Gate Primary School	Laura Dowlman, Head Teacher Email: school@ashtongateprimary.org Phone: 0117 9030236
Bristol Cathedral Choir School	Dr Wade Nottingham, Head Teacher Email: info@bristolcathedral.org.uk

	Phone: 0117 35 35 000
Cathedral Primary School	Sara Yarnold, Head Teacher Email: admin@cathedralprimaryschool.org Phone: 0117 35 35 2052
Headley Park Primary School	Gareth Jones, Head Teacher Email: office@headleypark.bristol.sch.uk Phone: 0117 903 1511
Henleaze Infant School	Gemma Fricker, Head Teacher Email: henleaze.i@bristol-schools.uk Phone: 0117 377 2442
Henleaze Junior School	Jonathan Parr, Head Teacher Email: office@henleazejuniorschool.co.uk Phone: 0117 377 2444
Hotwells Primary School	Kee Jones, Head Teacher Email: admin@hotwellsprimaryschool.org Phone: 0117 903 0044
Stoke Park Primary School	Alison Lambert, Head Teacher Email: contactus@stokeparkprimary.org Phone: 0117 377 2840
St Katherine's School	Justin Humphreys, Head Teacher Email: school@skdrive.org Phone: 01275 373737
St Werburgh's Primary School	Helen Faulkner, Head Teacher Email: st.werburghs.p@bristol-schools.uk Phone: 0117 9031466
Trinity Academy	Eiron Bailey, Head Teacher Email: enquiries@trinityacademybristol.org Phone: 0117 450 9379
Victoria Park Primary School	Ed Gunner, Head Teacher Email: victoriaparkp@victoriaparkprimary.co.uk Phone: 0117 903 0343
Cathedral Schools Trust	Neil Blundell, CEO Email: enquiries@cathedralschoolstrust.org Phone: 0117 35 35 066

Complaints about the Trust's processing of personal data and rights under the UK General Data Protection Regulation will be dealt with in accordance with this Policy. Complaints will be fully dealt with after a formal review. The clarification and review procedure contained in the Trust's Freedom of Information Requests Policy and Procedures should be used when dealing with reviews under this policy (Data Protection) and for Freedom of Information Information requests.

Individuals have a right to request that the Information Commissioner make an assessment of compliance of particular circumstances with the General Data Protection Regulation. If individuals are not happy about how we have handled their information they can contact the ICO via the following means:

sent to

Customer Contact

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

Alternatively visit their website - www.ico.gov.uk or contact them by phone on 03031231113

The Trust will respond promptly and fully to any request for information about data protection compliance made by the Information Commissioner.

The Trust will comply with any Information Commissioner Information Notice (to provide answers and information to the Commissioner) or Enforcement Notice (for failure to provide answers or information or for a breach of the Act) sent to the Trust by the Information Commissioner. The Commissioner can also carry out audits, prosecute individuals and organisations and report concerns to parliament.

14 Implementation

The responsibility for implementation of this policy rests with the Trust.

The Trust will ensure that:

- Everyone managing and/or handling personal information understands that they are contractually responsible for following good data protection practice.
- Everyone managing and/or handling personal information is appropriately trained to do so.
- Everyone managing and/or handling personal information is appropriately supervised.
- Anyone wanting to make enquiries about handling personal information, whether a member of staff or a member of the public, is given advice as necessary.
- Queries about handling personal information are promptly and courteously dealt with.
- Methods of handling personal information are regularly assessed and evaluated.
- Performance with handling personal information is regularly assessed and evaluated.
- Employees are aware of the action required in the event of a Data Breach.

On joining the Trust, employees are required to undertake training on Data Protection and ICT Security as part of their induction. They will not be allowed to use the Trust's network until successfully completing the training.

The Data Protection Officer works with the Trust to maintain the on-going programme of annual training and awareness to maintain a high level of understanding of Data Protection and security among all staff and to communicate any legal or policy changes that occur.

Supporting procedures for this policy have been created and are maintained within the Information Governance, Policy and Guidance pages that are available on the Trust's website. Appropriate levels of consultation take place at review time before the Trustees approve the changes for implementation.

Data Protection audits are regularly carried out by internal audit (external audits may be commissioned if required) in order to monitor compliance with the UK GDPR and this policy.

The Trustees will receive an annual report on data governance generally; this will also include details of any data breaches.

15 Other related policies

This policy should be interpreted and applied in relation to other related policies. Breach of these policies will automatically breach this policy and this is likely to contravene the UK General Data Protection Regulation, Data Protection Act 2018 and other legislation. These related policies include, but are not limited to, the following and such other policies as are adopted by the school/Trust from time to time:

Freedom of Information and Information Access Policy, Records Management Policy, ICT Security Policy, Email and Internet Use Policies, Human Resources Policies, Criminal Records Bureau Staff checks (Disclosure and Barring Service) Policy and Procedures, CCTV Protocols.

16 Monitoring and Review

The implementation and effectiveness of this policy will be monitored and reviewed by the Trustees.

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.