

## Data Protection Policy

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We at The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School believe that all personal data covered by the Data Protection Act 1998 includes the school admission register, attendance registers, pupils' curricular records, assessment data, class lists, reports to parents, pupils' disciplinary records, school personnel files, school financial information, school strategic and school improvement plans, recorded CCTV footage, pupils' family and home contact details, records of contractors and suppliers and records of pupils entering public examinations.

We will ensure that under the Data Protection Act 1998 all school personnel are able to access personal data that is held about them. We believe it is our duty to respond to any request of access within 40 days.

We will ensure a pupil's educational records will be made available to their parents or carers on receipt of a written request within 15 school days.

We aim to fulfil our obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998 and to protect the right of school personnel and pupils to privacy in line with the Act.

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010.

We believe it is essential that this policy clearly identifies and outlines the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the procedures and arrangements that is connected with this policy.

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following document:

- Report on the Data Protection Guidance we gave to schools in 2012 (ICO) – Guidance A

### Aims

- To allow all school personnel their right to have access to their personal data;
- To allow all parents their right of access to their child's records;
- To protect all school personnel's right to privacy in line with the Data Protection Act 1998;
- To protect all pupils' right to privacy in line with the Data Protection Act 1998;
- To work with other schools to share good practice in order to improve this policy.

### Responsibility for the Policy and Procedure

The Governing Body has:

- The responsibility to comply with the legal requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998;
- The responsibility to ensure data is processed in accordance with the eight principles of the Data Protection Act 1998;
- Delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher as 'Data Controller' for the school;
- Delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to ensure all school personnel and stakeholders are aware of and comply with this policy;
- Responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;

- Nominated a designated Equalities governor to ensure that appropriate action will be taken to deal with all prejudice related incidents or incidents which are a breach of this policy;
- Responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy;
- Responsibility for ensuring this policy and all policies are maintained and updated regularly;
- Responsibility for ensuring all policies are made available to parents;
- Nominated a link governor to visit the school regularly, to liaise with the Headteacher and to report back to the Governing Body;
- Responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy

The Headteacher will:

- Act as 'Data Controller' for the school;
- Ensure the school complies with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the eight data protection principles;
- Ensure all data is processed fairly and lawfully;
- Ensure security measures and confidential systems are in place to protect personal data and pupil records;
- Ensure data is obtained for specific and lawful purposes;
- Ensure data is adequate, relevant and not excessive;
- Ensure all personal data is accurate and that inaccurate data is corrected or erased;
- Ensure that at the beginning of every academic year all school personnel will receive a copy of their personal data;
- Ensure procedures are in place to deal with requests for access to personal data;
- Ensure data is not kept longer than is necessary;
- Ensure school personnel are aware of their rights;
- Ensure school personnel are aware of their responsibilities;
- Ensure a pupil's educational records will be made available to their parents or carers on receipt of a written request within 15 school days;
- Ensure a Common Transfer File is sent when a pupil joins another school;
- Make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;
- Work closely with the link governor;
- Provide leadership and vision in respect of equality;
- Provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- Monitor the effectiveness of this policy;
- Annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

The Link Governor will:

- Work closely with the Headteacher;
- Ensure this policy and other linked policies are up to date;
- Ensure that everyone connected with the school is aware of this policy;
- Attend training related to this policy;
- Report to the Governing Body every term.

School personnel will:

- Comply with all aspects of this policy;
- Be aware of all other linked policies;
- Follow the safe and confidential system procedures that are in place to protect personal data and pupil records;
- Receive a copy of their personal data at the beginning of every academic year;
- Check this data and will inform the Headteacher of any mistakes;
- Apply in writing for access to their personal data;
- Comply and respect confidentiality of personal information at all times; this requirement is applicable to a number of tasks, including interviews of new school personnel;
- Provide accurate and up to date personal information;
- Inform the school and the Local Authority of any changes to their personal data
- Implement the school's equalities policy and schemes;

- Report and deal with all incidents of discrimination;
- Attend appropriate training sessions on equality;
- Report any concerns they have on any aspect of the school community.

## **Data Protection Principles**

Personal data must:

- Be processed lawfully;
- Be obtained and processed for specific and lawful purposes;
- Be sufficient, appropriate and not excessive in relation to the precise purpose;
- Be accurate and up to date;
- Not be kept for longer than required;
- Be processed in agreement with the individual's legal rights;
- Be protected against unlawful processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage;
- Not be transferred outside the EU unless the rights and freedom of the individual are protected

## **Security Measures**

We work in conjunction with the Local Authority Code of Practice to ensure that computers and servers comply with Government regulations and are secured with:

- Anti-virus software;
- Firewall software;
- Passwords

All school personnel are trained to:

- Be discreet and confidential;
- Consider the safe and secure positioning of computers;
- Back up data;
- Turn off computers when not in use;
- Remember password access;
- Lock filing cabinets and doors to offices at the end of each day;
- Shred confidential material;
- Clear their desk before they leave school

## **Disclosure of Data**

Personal data cannot be disclosed to a third party without the consent of the individual except when it is legally required.

## **How we use your information**

We process personal information relating to our pupils and may receive information about them from their previous school, local authority, the Department for Education (DfE) and the Learning Records Service.

We hold this personal data to:

- Support our pupils' learning;
- Monitor and report on their progress;
- Provide appropriate pastoral care; and
- Assess the quality of our services

Information about our pupils that we hold will include their contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information, any exclusion information, where they go after they leave

us and personal characteristics such as their ethnic group, any special educational needs they may have as well as relevant medical information.

A parent/guardian can ask that no information apart from their child's name, address and date of birth be passed to **Haringey Council** by informing the Headteacher.

We will not give information about you to anyone without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to.

We are required, by law, to pass certain information about our pupils to our local authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE).

If you need more information about how our local authority and/or DfE collect and use your information, please visit:

- Our local authority at [www.haringey.gov.uk](http://www.haringey.gov.uk) or
- The DfE website at <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

### **Request for Access to Data**

The Data Protection Act 1998 gives you (the Data Subject) the right to apply for a copy of information about yourself. You may, if you so wish, appoint someone (an agent) to apply on your behalf e.g. your parent or a solicitor.

In order to help you, and ensure confidentiality, we will need to ask you for:

- A request in writing;
- Evidence to confirm your identity, a proof of address and photo ID for example, Council Tax letter and passport or driving license;
- Sufficient information to locate the data requested.

The School cannot and is not by law obliged to comply with a Subject Access request on the basis of "What does the School hold about me?" We are entitled to ask reasonable questions to identify the information you require and what your working and business connections are with us to help locate where the data may be held. Please help us to help you.

Although entitled by the Act to charge a fee, School policy is to provide access to personal information free of charge.

A form is attached to help you lodge your request (**Appendix A**).

### **Rights of Individuals**

Individuals have rights to:

- Know when their data is being processed, the reason it is being processed and the name of the person or organisation requesting the information;
- Prevent processing which could be harmful to them or others;
- Prevent the processing of their performance management records;
- Go to court to prevent inaccurate data being used;
- Be compensated if a data controller contravenes the Data Protection Act;
- Stop data being processed for direct marketing

Individuals are not entitled to:

- Copies of their references;
- Information on pay reviews;

- Examination results until they have been released

## **Grievance Procedure**

Any member of the school personnel who disputes any aspect of their personal data with the Data Controller has the right to take up the matter under the school's formal grievance procedures.

## **Rights of Parents, Carers and Pupils**

Pupil's educational records will be made available to their parents or carers on receipt of a written request within 15 school days.

Pupils may also request access (in writing) to their educational records.

## **Raising Awareness of this Policy**

We will raise awareness of this policy via:

- The school website
- The Staff Handbook;
- Meetings with parents such as introductory, transition, parent-teacher consultations and periodic curriculum workshops;
- School events;
- Meetings with school personnel;
- Reports such annual report to parents and Headteacher reports to the Governing Body;
- Information displays in the main school entrance

## **Training**

All school personnel:

- Have equal chances of training, career development and promotion;
- Receive training on this policy on induction which specifically covers:
  - Data Protection Act 1998;
  - Freedom of Information 2000;
  - Access to Personal Records
- Receive periodic training so that they are kept up to date with new information;
- Receive equal opportunities training on induction in order to improve their understanding of the Equality Act 2010 and its implications

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

## **Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy**

The practical application of this policy will be reviewed annually or when the need arises by the coordinator, the Headteacher and the link governor.

A statement of the policy's effectiveness and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be presented to the Governing Body for further discussion and endorsement.

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**This policy was reviewed and endorsed by the Full Governing Body of The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**