



ST. MARY'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Privacy Notice for School Governors

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' to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about **governors**.

We, St. Mary's RC Primary School, are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law. The school's Data Protection Officer is Gill Smith.

The categories of information about governors that we collect, process, hold and share include:

- Contact information (such as name, address, date of birth, nationality, previous names, email address, telephone numbers)
- Photographs
- Information about terms of office (such as start and end dates, appointing body)
- Business interests, financial interests and governance roles in other schools
- Attendance information

Where do we get your personal data from?

We will obtain your personal data directly from you, by way of information gathering exercises at appropriate times such as on your appointment.

Why we collect and use this information

We use governors' data to:

- Contact governors with information and papers for meetings
- Share information about governors with the staff and pupils
- Comply with statutory obligations to publish information about the governing body.

Legal Basis

We process this information under Article 6(1)(a) of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) where you have given your explicit consent and under Article 6(1)(e) of the GDPR, where processing is necessary for us to perform a task in the public interest or for our official functions. Under section 538 of the Education Act 1996, we are required to provide certain information we hold about our governors and governance arrangements to the Secretary of State for Education through EduBase/GIAS.

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 our use of your data.

Special Category Conditions

We do not store or process any special category data as covered by Article 9.

Collecting this information

Whilst the majority of information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with data protection legislation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing this information

Personal data is stored in line with our Data Protection Policy/Information Management policy.

Information about individual governors will be destroyed as far as possible at the end of their term of office, subject to the requirements to provide information on our website about governors who have served in the last 12 months and to retain minutes of governing body meetings for 6 years.

Who we share this information with

We routinely share this information with:

- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)

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.

Why we share governors' information

The Constitution of Governing Bodies of Maintained Schools Statutory Guidance (2017) requires us to publish on our website information about our Governors, including relevant business and pecuniary interests. Apart from this published information, we do not share information about Governors with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Requesting access to your personal data

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. You are entitled to submit subject access requests all year round, but please bear in mind that it may be necessary for us to extend the response period when requests are submitted over the summer holidays. This is in accordance with article 12(3) of the GDPR, and will be the case where the request is complex – for example, where we need multiple staff to collect the data.

You also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing
- object to decisions being taken by automated means
- in certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and
- 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

Further information

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:

Data Protection Officer
Mrs Gill Smith
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Headteacher
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If you cannot access the websites referred to above, please contact the LA at:

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Department of People, Bolton Council
1st Floor, Town Hall, Bolton, BL1 1UA
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