

Mark Rutherford School



Privacy Notice: School Workforce

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1. AIMS

This privacy notice explains how we collect, process and manage information for the school workforce. That includes employed members of staff, volunteers, trainee teachers, apprentices and work experience/workplace placements.

Mark Rutherford School is the data controller for the use of personal data in this privacy notice.

2. CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION

The categories of school workforce information we collect and process include:

- personal information (such as name, employee or teacher number, national insurance number)
- characteristics information (such as gender, age, ethnic group)
- contract information (such as start date, hours worked, post, roles and salary information)
- work absence information (such as number of absences and reasons)
- qualifications (and, where relevant, subjects taught)
- home address and contact information
- relevant medical information
- other personal information
- references
- biometric information

3. REASONS FOR COLLECTING PERSONAL INFORMATION

We share information to comply with statutory, regulatory and contractual obligations. These may include, but are not limited to:

- improving the management of workforce data across the sector enabling development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed
- pay salaries and pension contributions
- informing the development of recruitment and retention policies
- allowing better financial modelling and planning
- enabling ethnicity and disability monitoring
- supporting the work of the School Teachers' Review Body
- comply with guidance such as 'Working Together' and safeguarding obligations
- facilitating good governance
- internal reviews and quality monitoring
- CPD and staffing issues
- Fulfilling our duty of care towards our workforce during a medical or mental health emergency

If we are required to comply with other legal obligations not listed above, we will share data only when it is lawful to do so.

We use workforce data to:

- a) enable the development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed
- b) inform the development of recruitment and retention policies
- c) enable individuals to be paid

4. BASIS ON WHICH WE PROCESS THIS INFORMATION

We must make sure that information we collect and use about our workforce is in line with the [UK General Data Protection Regulation \(UK GDPR\)](#). This means that we must have a lawful reason to collect the data, and that if we share that with another organisation or individual we must have a legal basis to do so.

The lawful basis for schools to collect and process information comes from a variety of sources, such as [Article 6](#) and [Article 9](#) of the UK GDPR and the [Safeguarding of Vulnerable Groups Act 2006](#). We also have obligations to organisations such as HMRC and the Department of Work and Pensions.

5. COLLECTING & STORING WORKFORCE INFORMATION

We collect personal information via staff contract forms and through the job application process.

Workforce data is essential for the school's operational use. Whilst the majority of personal information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with UK GDPR, we will inform you at the point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this.

We hold data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule.

6. SHARING WORKFORCE INFORMATION

We routinely share this information with:

- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- safeguarding and protection for children and vulnerable adults
- payroll services
- financial auditors/internal scrutiny auditors for HR
- legal advisers
- insurance providers
- HMRC
- Teacher Pension Scheme and the Local Government Pension Scheme (and other pension providers)
- health professionals including the emergency services
- Vericool (Cashless Canteen)

We do not share information about workforce members with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Local authority

We are required to share information about our workforce members with our local authority (LA) under [section 5 of the Education \(Supply of Information about the School Workforce\) \(England\) Regulations 2007](#) and amendments.

Department for Education (DfE)

The Department for Education (DfE) collects personal data from educational settings and local authorities via various statutory data collections. We are required to share information with the Department for Education (DfE) for the purpose of those data collections, under:

Through the School Workforce Census, we are required to share information about our school employees with the Department for Education (DfE) under [section 5 of the Education \(Supply of Information about the School Workforce\) \(England\) Regulations 2007](#) and amendments.

All data is transferred securely and held by the Department for Education (DfE) under a combination of software and hardware controls which meet the current [government security policy framework](#).

For more information, please see 'How Government Uses your Data' section of this privacy notice.

For privacy information on the data the Department for Education (DfE) collects and uses, please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/privacy-information-education-providers-workforce-including-teachers>.

Data protection law allows us to share personal information in an urgent or emergency situation, including to help prevent loss of life or serious physical, emotional or mental harm. During a medical emergency, including a mental health emergency, where there is risk of serious harm to one of our workforce or to others we will share necessary and proportionate information without delay with relevant and appropriate emergency services or health professionals. We may also share necessary and proportionate information with an employee's next of kin or emergency contact. We will use our judgement in each specific situation, sharing only what is necessary and proportionate to the circumstances.

7. REQUESTING ACCESS TO YOUR PERSONAL DATA

Under data protection legislation, you have the right to request access to information about you that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, contact the DPL on DPO@mrus.co.uk

You also have the following rights:

- the right to be informed about the collection and use of your personal data – this is called 'right to be informed'.
- the right to ask us for copies of personal information we have about you – this is called 'right of access', this is also known as a subject access request, data subject access request or right of access request.
- the right to ask us to change any information you think is not accurate or complete – this is called 'right to rectification'.
- the right to ask us to delete your personal information – this is called 'right to erasure'
- the right to ask us to stop using your information – this is called 'right to restriction of processing'.
- the 'right to object to processing' of your information, in certain circumstances
- rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.
- the right to withdraw consent at any time (where relevant).
- the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner](#) if you feel we have not used your information in the right way.

There are legitimate reasons why we may refuse your information rights request, which depends on why we are processing it. For example, some rights will not apply:

- right to erasure does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is legal obligation or public task.
- right to portability does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is legal obligation, vital interests, public task or legitimate interests.

- right to object does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is contract, legal obligation or vital interests. And if the lawful basis is consent, you don't haven't the right to object, but you have the right to withdraw consent.

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we ask that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by the Department for Education (DfE), please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

8. WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT

Where we are processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting the DPL on DPO@mrus.co.uk

9. RELATED POLICIES

How we manage the data and our responsibilities to look after and share data is explained in the following policies

- Data Protection policy
- Data Retention Policy
- Subject Access Request Policy
- Freedom of Information Policy
- Biometric Data Policy

Further information

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact the DPL or DPO@mrus.co.uk

This privacy notice is based on the DfE template privacy notice dated August 2024: [Data protection: privacy notice model documents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

Appendix 1. HOW GOVERNMENT USES YOUR DATA

The workforce data that we lawfully share with the Department for Education (DfE) through data collections:

- informs Department for Education (DfE) policy on pay and the monitoring of the effectiveness and diversity of the school workforce
- links to school funding and expenditure
- supports 'longer term' research and monitoring of educational policy

Data collection requirements

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education (DfE) including the data that we share with them, go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

Sharing by the Department for Education (DfE)

The Department for Education (DfE) may share information about school employees with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children or the effective deployment of school staff in England by:

- conducting research or analysis
- producing statistics
- providing information, advice or guidance

The Department for Education (DfE) has robust processes in place to ensure that the confidentiality of personal data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access to it and its use. Decisions on whether the Department for Education (DfE) releases personal data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and based on a detailed assessment of:

- who is requesting the data
- the purpose for which it is required
- the level and sensitivity of data requested; and
- the arrangements in place to securely store and handle the data

To be granted access to school workforce information, organisations must comply with its strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information about the Department for Education's (DfE) data sharing process, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>.

For information about which organisations the Department for Education (DfE) has provided information, (and for which project) please visit the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfe-external-data-shares>.

How to find out what personal information the Department of Education (DfE) holds about you

Under the terms of [UK GDPR](#), you're entitled to ask the Department for Education (DfE):

- if they are processing your personal data
- for a description of the data they hold about you
- the reasons they're holding it and any recipient it may be disclosed to
- for a copy of your personal data and any details of its source

If you want to see the personal data held about you by the Department for Education (DfE), you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the

Department for Education's (DfE) personal information charter that is published at the address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter>.

or

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/requesting-your-personal-information/requesting-your-personal-information#your-rights>

To contact the Department for Education (DfE): <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>.