

# Ratton School Privacy Notice

## (How we use school workforce information)

We process personal data relating to those we employ to work at, or otherwise engage to work at, our school. This is for employment purposes to assist in the running of the school and/or to enable individuals to be paid. The collection of this information will benefit both national and local users by:

- Improving the management of workforce data across the sector
- Enabling development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed
- 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

## The categories of school workforce information that we collect, process, hold and share include:

- Personal information (such as name, employee or teacher number, national insurance number), address history and proof of identity
- Special categories of data including characteristics information (such as gender, age, ethnic group)
- Contract information (such as start dates, hours worked, post, roles and salary information)
- Work absence information (such as number of absences and reasons)
- Qualifications and, where relevant, subjects taught
- Relevant Medical information
- Photographs

## Why we collect and use this information

We use school workforce data to:

- Enable the development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed
- Inform the development of recruitment and retention policies
- Enable individuals to be paid
- Support Pension payments and calculations
- Sickness monitoring

## The lawful basis on which we use this information

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the school is required to identify a valid lawful basis for each processing activity involving personal data. We only collect and

use pupils' personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we process it where:

- We have to collect and process personal data to enable us to comply with a legal obligation.
- We need it because we are acting in the public interest or exercising our official authority.

We may also process pupils' personal data in situations where:

- We have obtained consent from you to use it in a certain way.
- We have a genuine and legitimate reason and we are not harming any of your rights and interests.

As a school, we also collect and use special category data, both to provide education and comply with our legal obligations. We have therefore identified additional lawful bases from Article 9 of the GDPR. Most commonly, we process special category data where:

- We have gained explicit consent for the processing.
- Processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest.

Please see the school's Special Category Data policy for more information about how we process this type of data. This policy can be found on our website.

## Collecting this information

We collect personal information via application for employment forms, pre-employment checks and staff contract forms.

Workforce data is essential for the school's operational use. 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 school workforce information to us or if you have a choice in this.

## Storing workforce information

We hold data securely for the set amount of time shown in our retention schedule. For more information on our Records Management Policy and how we keep your data safe, please visit <http://www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk/Policies-and-Procedures>

## Who we share this information with

We routinely share this information with:

- Our local authority
- Orbis – Commissioned providers of payroll services
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- South Downs Learning Trust – the Multi Academy Trust Ratton School is part of.

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We do not share information about workforce members 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)

We share personal data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins workforce policy monitoring, evaluation, and links to school funding / expenditure and the assessment educational attainment.

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## 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 [dpo@ratton.co.uk](mailto:dpo@ratton.co.uk)

You also have the right to:

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

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 DfE, please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

## Withdrawal of consent and the right to lodge a complaint

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 our Data Protection Officer ([dpo@ratton.co.uk](mailto:dpo@ratton.co.uk)) in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact 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

## Data Protection Officer

Our Data Protection Officer is Peter Questier (East Sussex County Council, Information Governance Team. Children's Services)

However, please contact the school in the first instance if you have a query regarding this privacy notice or how your information is used, by emailing: [dpo@ratton.co.uk](mailto:dpo@ratton.co.uk)

## Last updated

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. This version was last updated on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019.

## How Government uses your data

The workforce data that we lawfully share with the DfE through data collections:

- informs departmental 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

The DfE collects and processes personal data relating to those employed by schools (including Multi Academy Trusts) and local authorities that work in state funded schools (including all maintained schools, all academies and free schools and all special schools including Pupil Referral Units and Alternative Provision). All state funded schools are required to make a census submission because it is a statutory return under sections 113 and 114 of the Education Act 2005.

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education 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

The department 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 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 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.

## How to find out what personal information DfE hold about you

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018, you're entitled to ask the Department:

- 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, you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department's personal information charter that is published at the address below:

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

To contact the department: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>