

PRIVACY NOTICE (HOW WE USE PERSONAL INFORMATION TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOLS - GIAS)

The categories of Member, Trustee and Governor Information that we process include:

- personal identifiers, contacts and characteristics (such as name, date of birth, contact details and postcode)
- governance details (such as role, start and end dates and Member, Trustee and GovernorID)
- Addresses

Why we collect and use Member, Trustee and Governor Information

The personal data collected is essential, in order for the school to fulfil their official functions and meet legal requirements.

We collect and use Member, Trustee and Governor information, for the following purposes:

1. to meet the statutory duties placed upon us
2. to enable contact by schools and staff

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the legal bases we rely on for processing personal information for general purposes are:

- for the purpose **a)** named above in accordance with the legal basis of **Legal Obligation**
- For the purpose **b)** named above in accordance with the legal basis of **Public task**

All maintained school governing bodies, under [section 538 of the Education Act 1996](#) and academy trusts, under the [Academies Financial Handbook](#) have a legal duty to provide the governance information as detailed above.

In addition, concerning any special category data:

- Conditions where special category data is provided under Legal Obligation the following applies under [GDPR - Article 9 \(2\)](#) of GDPR (g) processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest, on the basis of Union or Member State law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject

Collecting Member, Trustee and Governor Information

We collect personal information via Member, Trustee and Governor contact forms or personal request.

Member, Trustee and Governor data is essential for the school's operational use. Whilst the majority of personal information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it may be requested on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with 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.

Storing Member, Trustee and Governor Information

Personal data is stored in line with our data protection policy.

We maintain a file to store personal information about all volunteers. The information contained in this file is kept secure and is only used for purposes directly relevant to your work with the trust/academy.

When your relationship with the trust/academy has ended, we will retain and dispose of your personal information in accordance with our data protection policy.

Who we share Member, Trustee and Governor Information with

We routinely share this information with:

- our local authority (where applicable)
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- Member, Trustee and Governor names are published on our websites

Why we share Member, Trustee and Governor Information

We do not share information about our governors 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 governors with our local authority (LA) to meet our legal obligations.

Department for Education

The Department for Education (DfE) collects personal data from educational settings and local authorities. We are required to share information about our governors with the Department for Education (DfE), under:

We are required to share information about our governors with the (DfE) under the requirements set out in the [Academies Financial Handbook](#)

All data is entered manually on the GIAS system and held by 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.

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 Data Protection Education Limited, Email:

DPO@dataprotection.education

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 or complaint about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, you should raise your concern with us in the first instance or directly to 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.

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 01.09.2020

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: Data Protection Education Limited, Email: DPO@dataprotection.education

How Government uses your data

The Member, Trustee and Governordata that we lawfully share with the DfE via GIAS:

- will increase the transparency of governance arrangements
- will enable schools and the department to identify more quickly and accurately individuals who are involved in governance and who govern in more than one context

- allows the department to be able to uniquely identify an individual and in a small number of cases conduct checks to confirm their suitability for this important and influential role

Data collection requirements

To find out more about the requirements placed on us by the Department for Education including the data that we share with them, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-database-of-governors>

Note: Some of these personal data items are not publically available and are encrypted within the GIAS system. Access is restricted to a small number of DfE staff who need to see it in order to fulfil their official duties. The information is for internal purposes only and not shared beyond the department, unless the law allows it.

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 DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>