



# Privacy Notice - Governors and Volunteers

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## **Privacy notice for governors and volunteers**

St Dunstan's Education Group is committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal information. This privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about you during and after your time with us, in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR). Following Brexit, Regulation (EU) 2016/679, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is retained EU Law and known as UK GDPR. The UK GDPR sits alongside an amended version of the Data Protection Act 2018 that relate to general personal data processing powers of the Information Commissioner and sanctions and enforcements. The UK GDPR as it continues to apply in the EU is known as EU GDPR. It applies to governors and volunteers.

### **Who collects this information**

St Dunstan's Educational Group ('the Group') is a 'data controller.' This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about you. We are required under data protection legislation to notify you of the information contained in this privacy notice. This notice does not form part of a contract to provide services, and we may update this notice at any time.

It is important that you read this notice, together with any other privacy notice we may provide on specific occasions when we are collecting or processing personal information about you, so that you are aware of how and why we are using such information.

We will comply with the data protection principles when gathering and using personal information, as set out in our Data Protection Policy.

### **The categories of information that we collect, process, hold and share**

We may collect, store and use the following categories of personal information about you:

- Personal information and contact details such as name, title, addresses, date of birth, marital status, phone numbers and personal email addresses
- Emergency contact information such as names, relationship, phone numbers and email addresses
- Education details
- DBS details
- Employment details
- Information about business and pecuniary interests
- Information acquired as part of your application to become a governor
- Criminal records information as required by law to enable you to work with children

- Information about your use of our IT, communications and other systems, and other monitoring information
- Photographs
- Images captured by the Group's CCTV systems
- Your racial or ethnic origin, sex and sexual orientation, religious or similar beliefs
- Details in references about you that we give to others.

## **How we collect this information**

The majority of the information that we collect from you is mandatory, however there is some information that you can choose whether or not to provide it to us. Whenever we seek to collect information from you, we make it clear whether you must provide this information, and if so, what the possible consequences are of not complying, or whether you have a choice. We may collect this information from you directly, or from a number of third-party sources, such as other employers, the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS), Department for Education (DfE), technical networks etc.

## **How we use your information**

We will only use your personal information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your information in the following circumstances:

- Where you have provided your consent
- Where we need to perform the contract we have entered into with you
- Where we need to comply with a legal obligation e.g. health and safety legislation and under statutory codes of practice
- Where it is needed in the public interest, or for official purposes
- Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests, or those of a third party, and your interests, rights and freedoms do not override those interests.

We need all the categories of information in the list above primarily to allow us to perform our contract with you, with your consent and to enable us to comply with legal obligations. Please note that we may process your information without your knowledge or consent, where this is required or permitted by law.

The situations in which we will process your personal information are listed below:

- To determine appointment and suitability as a governor
- To deal with election of governors
- To comply with safeguarding obligations
- To provide details on our website or online databases about governors
- To communicate with third parties and other stakeholders of the Group

- For business management and planning purposes, including accounting, budgetary and health and safety purposes
- For financial purposes, e.g. to process expenses
- To deal with any complaints/investigations as required
- When you sit on a panel or committee, your name and comments, as well as decisions made will be recorded
- To send communications in your role as governor
- For education, training and development requirements
- In order to review Group and individual school governance
- In order to comply with any legal dispute or any legal obligations
- In order to comply with regulatory requirements or health and safety obligations
- To ensure system security, including preventing unauthorised access to our networks
- To monitor use of our systems to ensure compliance with our IT processes
- To receive advice from external advisors and consultants
- To liaise with regulatory bodies, such as the Department for Education (DfE) and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)
- Dealing with termination of your appointment.

Further information can be obtained from the Chief Operating Officer (COO).

Some of the above grounds for processing will overlap and there may be several grounds which justify our use of your personal information.

If you fail to provide certain information when requested, we may be prevented from complying with our legal obligations, such as to ensure health and safety. Where you have provided us with consent to use your data, you may withdraw this consent at any time.

We will only use your personal information for the purposes for which we collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with the original purpose. If we need to use your personal information for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

## **How we use particularly sensitive information**

Sensitive personal information, as defined under the UK GDPR as ‘special category data’, require higher levels of protection and further justification for collecting, storing and using this type of personal information. We may process this data in the following circumstances:

- In limited circumstances, with your explicit written consent
- Where we need to carry out our legal obligations in line with our Data Protection Policy
- Where it is needed in the public interest, such as for equal opportunities monitoring

- Where it is needed to assess your working capacity on health grounds, subject to appropriate confidentiality safeguards. Less commonly, we may process this type of information where it is needed in relation to legal claims or where it is necessary to protect your interests, or someone else's interests, and you are not capable of giving your consent.

We may only use information relating to criminal convictions where the law allows us to do so. This will usually be where it is necessary to carry out our legal obligations. We will only collect information about criminal convictions if it is appropriate given the nature of the role and where we are legally able to do so. Where appropriate we will collect information about criminal convictions as part of the recruitment process, or we may be notified of such information directly by you in the course of working for us.

### **Automated decision-making**

Automated decision-making takes place when an electronic system uses personal information to make a decision without human intervention. We are allowed to use automated decision making in the following circumstances:

- Where we have notified you of the decision and given you 21 days to request a reconsideration
- Where it is necessary to perform the contract with you and appropriate measures are put in place to safeguard your rights
- In limited circumstances, with your explicit written consent and where appropriate measures are in place to safeguard your rights.

You will not be subject to decisions that will have a significant impact on you based solely on automated decision-making, unless we have a lawful basis for doing so and we have notified you.

### **Sharing data**

We may need to share your data with third parties, including third party service providers where required by law, where it is necessary to administer the working relationship with you, or where we have another legitimate interest in doing so. These include the following:

- Government departments or agencies
- The local authority
- Suppliers and service providers
- Professional advisors and consultants
- DfE
- DBS
- Law enforcement

- Support services
- Schools within the Group.

Information will be provided to those agencies securely, or anonymised where possible. The recipient of the information will be bound by confidentiality obligations, we require them to respect the security of your data and to treat it in accordance with the law.

## **Retention periods**

Except as otherwise permitted, or required, by applicable law or regulation, the Group only retains personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, as required to satisfy any legal, accounting or reporting obligations, or as necessary to resolve disputes.

To determine the appropriate retention period for personal data, the Group considers the amount, nature, and sensitivity of personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of personal data, the purposes for processing the personal data, whether we can fulfil the purposes of processing by other means and any applicable legal requirements.

Once you are no longer a governor or volunteer of the Group we will retain and securely destroy your personal information in accordance with our Data Retention Policy.

## **Security**

We have put in place measures to protect the security of your information, i.e. against it being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way. In addition, we limit access to your personal information to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know.

Third parties will only process your personal information on our instructions and where they have agreed to treat information confidentially and to keep it secure.

We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected data security breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a suspected breach where we are legally required to do so.

## **Your rights of access, correction, erasure and restriction**

It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal information changes during your relationship with us.

Under certain circumstances by law, you have the right to:

- Access your personal information (commonly known as a ‘subject access request’). This allows you to receive a copy of the personal information we hold about you and to

check we are lawfully processing it. You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal information. However, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request for access is clearly unfounded or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with the request in such circumstances.

- Correction of the personal information we hold about you. This enables you to have any inaccurate information we hold about you corrected.
- Erasure of your personal information. You can ask us to delete or remove personal data if there is no good reason for us continuing to process it.
- Restriction of processing your personal information. You can ask us to suspend processing personal information about you in certain circumstances, for example, if you want us to establish its accuracy before processing it.
- To object to processing in certain circumstances, e.g. for direct marketing purposes.
- To transfer your personal information to another party.

If you want to exercise any of the above rights, please contact the COO in writing.

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information, or to exercise any of your other rights. This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

### **Right to withdraw consent**

In circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please contact the COO in writing. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

### **Who to contact**

If you would like to discuss anything within this privacy notice or have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise your concern with the COO in the first instance.

We have appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO) to oversee compliance with data protection and this privacy notice. If you have any questions about how we handle your personal information which cannot be resolved by the COO, then you can contact the DPO on the details below:

Data Protection Officer: St Dunstan's Educational Foundation  
Address: Judicium Consulting Ltd, 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE



Email: [dataservices@judicium.com](mailto:dataservices@judicium.com)

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office, the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns>.

### **Changes to this privacy notice**

We reserve the right to update this privacy notice at any time, and we will provide you with a new privacy notice when we make any substantial updates. We may also notify you in other ways from time to time about the processing of your personal information.