

## **Privacy Notice for Staff**

### **Who we are**

We are Yew Tree Primary School, Birchfield Way, Walsall, WS5 4DX. We are a Local Authority maintained school for children aged 3 to 11. This privacy notice was written in September 2026 and explains how we collect, store and use personal data about our staff. We are the 'data controller' for the purposes of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and as such we are obliged to inform you of the information we hold on you, what we use it for, who we share it with, and for how long we keep it.

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

- Name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number, date of birth and gender;
- Terms and conditions of employment;
- Details of qualifications, skills, experience and employment history, including start and end dates, with previous employers and with Yew Tree Primary School.
- Information about remuneration, including entitlement to benefits such as pensions;
- Bank account and national insurance number details;
- Information about marital status;
- Name and contact number of emergency contacts;
- Information about nationality and entitlement to work in the UK;
- Information about criminal records (if applicable);
- Details of working patterns and attendance at work;
- Details of all periods of leave including; sickness absence, unpaid leave and extended leave, maternity/paternity/adoption/shared parental leave, dependent leave, compassionate leave, and the reasons for the leave;
- Details of any formal disciplinary or grievance procedures in which employees have been involved, including any warnings issued and related correspondence;
- Assessments of employee performance, including appraisals, performance reviews and ratings, probation reviews; performance improvement plans and related correspondence;
- Information about medical or health conditions, including whether or not employees have a disability for which Yew Tree Primary School needs to make reasonable adjustments;
- Information relating to employees' health and safety at work;
- Equal opportunities monitoring information including information about employees' ethnic origin, sexual orientation, and religion or belief.
- Photographs - for security purposes, school newsletters, media and promotional purposes
- CCTV images

Yew Tree Primary School may collect this information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be collected through application forms, obtained from passports or other identity

documents such as driving licences; from forms completed by employees at the start of or during employment; from correspondence with employees; or through interviews, meetings or other assessments.

In some cases, Yew Tree Primary School may collect personal data about its employees from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers, information from employment background check providers, information from credit reference agencies and information from criminal records checks permitted by law. In most cases, Yew Tree Primary School will only seek information from third parties with the prior consent of the employee(s) in question.

### **Why we collect and use this information**

Yew Tree Primary School needs to process personal data to enter into an employment contract with its employees and to meet its obligations under employee employment contracts. For example, Yew Tree Primary School needs to process employee personal data to provide an employment contract, to pay an employee in accordance with their employment contract and to administer entitlements such as pension benefits.

In some cases, Yew Tree Primary School needs to process data to ensure that it is complying with its legal obligations. For example, it is required to check an employee's entitlement to work in the UK, to deduct tax, to comply with health and safety laws.

Processing employee data allows Yew Tree Primary School to:

- Run recruitment and promotion processes;
- Develop an overview of the school's workforce and how it is deployed
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date employment records and contact details (including details of who to contact in the event of an emergency), and records of employee contractual and statutory rights;
- Enable Individuals to be paid and make PAYE and pension contributions
- Operate and keep a record of disciplinary and grievance processes, to ensure acceptable conduct within the workplace;
- Operate and keep a record of employee performance and related processes, to plan for career development, and for succession planning and workforce management purposes;
- Operate and keep a record of absence and absence management procedures, to allow effective workforce management and ensure that employees are receiving the pay or other benefits to which they are entitled;
- Obtain occupational health advice, to ensure that Yew Tree Primary School complies with duties in relation to individuals with disabilities, meet its obligations under health and safety law, and ensures that employees are receiving the pay or other benefits to which they are entitled;
- Operate and keep a record of other types of leave (including maternity, paternity, adoption, parental and shared parental leave), to allow effective workforce management, to ensure that Yew Tree Primary School complies with duties that employees are receiving the pay or other benefits to which they are entitled;
- Ensure effective general HR and business administration;
- Provide confidential references on request for current or former employees;
- Respond to and defend against legal claims; and
- Fulfil any statutory reporting obligations.

Some special categories of personal data, such as information about health or medical conditions, are processed to carry out employment law obligations (such as those in relation to employees with disabilities). Where Yew Tree Primary School processes other special categories of personal data, such as information about ethnic origin, sexual orientation, religion or belief, this is for the purposes of equal opportunities monitoring.

Data that Yew Tree Primary School uses for these purposes is anonymised or is collected with the express consent of employees, which can be withdrawn at any time. Employees are entirely free to decide whether to provide such data and there are no consequences of deciding against this.

### **The lawful basis on which we use this information**

All personal data must be processed using at least one lawful basis, such as:

- Consent (permission has been given)
- Contract (necessary for a new/existing contract)
- Legal obligation (to comply with the law)
- Vital interests (to protect someone's life)
- Public task (for official functions/tasks in the public interest)
- Recognised legitimate interest (safeguarding, emergencies, preventing crime, etc)

Our lawful basis for collecting and processing workforce information is further defined under Article 9, in that some of the information we process is deemed to be sensitive, or special category data. The following elements of the article apply:

- a) Where you have given your explicit consent to the processing of personal data for one or more specified purposes
- b) processing is necessary for the purposes of carrying out the obligations and exercising specific rights of the controller or of the data subject in the field of employment and social security and social protection law
- c) processing is necessary for the purposes of preventive or occupational medicine, for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee.

### **Collecting workforce information**

We collect your personal information via application forms, data collection forms and electronic staff portals (e.g. Arbor & Oracle Fusion).

On some occasions, we process personal information on the basis of consent, for example, when we wish to take and photo images for social media or school newsletters. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for consent, and explain how consent can be withdrawn.

A full breakdown of the information we collect on our workforce can be found in the school's data mapping document.

## **Storing and protecting workforce data**

Yew Tree Primary School will hold employees personal data for the duration of their employment. The period for which detailed employee data is held after the end of employment is six years, and limited employment data is retained indefinitely for historical purposes.

As part of the recruitment process, data will be held for a period of 6 months for unsuccessful candidates.

We have data protection policies and procedures in place, including strong organisational and technical measures, which are regularly reviewed. Further information can be found on our website.

## **Who we share workforce information with**

We will share workforce information with appropriate external agencies to meet our legal obligation or where we have sought your permission. The agencies who we routinely share workforce information with include:

- Our Local Authority
- The Department for Education (DfE) - (for further information relating to Covid-19 Testing, please refer to the Privacy Notice for Covid-19 Testing and the DfE Privacy Notice)
- HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
- Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS)
- Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)
- HR Provider – SIPS Education Ltd
- Payroll Provider – Sandwell Council (SMBC)
- Occupational Health Provider – SIPS Education Ltd
- Previous employers to obtain references
- Disclosure and Barring Service
- Companies to fulfil our statutory reporting obligations
- Health authorities
- Public Health England
- Police forces, courts, tribunals
- Professional bodies

If we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

Please contact our Data Protection Lead (see contact details at the end of this privacy notice) who can provide you with further details of who we share workforce information with as recorded in our data mapping document.

## **Why we share workforce Information**

We do not share information about our workforce 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**

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 about our children and young people with the Department for Education (DfE) for the purpose of those data collections.

### **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.

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### **Failure to provide data**

Failure to provide the requested data may result in consequences such as:

- Delays or error in payment
- Delays in conducting mandatory background checks, resulting in delays with employment and lack of compliance with legal obligations.
- Error in administering entitlements.
- Increased health and safety risk
- Inaccurate employment records

### **Requesting access to your personal data and your data protection rights**

Under data protection legislation, employees have the right to request access to information about them that we hold, through a Subject Access Request.

We will provide information in a way that is:

- Concise
- Transparent
- Intelligible
- Easily accessible
- Uses clear and plain language

If you would like to make a subject access request please contact our Data Protection Lead (School Business Manager).

Data subjects have the following rights with regards to their personal information, as follows:

- Confirmation that their personal data is being processed
- Access to a copy of the data
- The purpose of the data processing
- The categories of personal data concerned
- Who the data has been, or will be, shared with
- How long the data will be stored for, or if this isn't possible, the criteria used to determine this period
- Where relevant, the existence of the right to request rectification, erasure or restrictions, or to object to such processing
- The right to lodge a complaint with the ICO or another supervisory authority
- The source of the data, if not the individual
- The safeguards provided if the data is being transferred internationally

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;

### **Contact us**

In the first instance, any questions, concerns or complaints relating to data protection should be directed to the Data Protection Lead (DPL) at Yew Tree Primary School by emailing [enquiries@yewtree.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@yewtree.sandwell.sch.uk). This includes requests to exercise data protection rights, such as making a Subject Access Request, reporting a suspected personal data breach, or raising general queries regarding the school's/academy's processing of personal data.

If you are dissatisfied with the school's response to your concern, query or complaint, please refer to the Data Protection Complaints Policy available on the school's website, which explains the process for raising and escalating data protection complaints.

If, having completed the school's complaints process, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at:

Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Website: <https://ico.org.uk>

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

This privacy notice may be updated from time to time. We encourage you to check this privacy notice on a regular basis to ensure you understand how your data will be used and to see any minor updates. If material changes are made to the privacy notice, for example, how we would like to use your personal data, we will provide a more prominent notice (for example, email notification or correspondence of privacy notice changes).