Buckshaw Primary School and Nursery

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GDPR POLICY

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'Learning, believing and growing together.'

This policy sets out how the school deals with personal information correctly and securely and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, and other related legislation.

1. Aims

Our school aims to ensure that all data collected about staff, pupils, parents, governors and visitors is collected, stored and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. This policy applies to all data, regardless of whether it is in paper or electronic format.

2. Legislation and Guidance

This policy meets the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998, and is based on guidance published by the Information Commissioner's Office and model privacy notices published by the Department for Education. It also takes into account the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation, which is new legislation due to come into force in May 2018. In addition, this policy complies with regulation 5 of the Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005, which gives parents the right of access to their child's educational record.

3. Definitions

Term	Definition
Personal data	Any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person, e.g. name, identification number, location data, online identifier
Sensitive personal data	Data such as: ○ Racial or ethnic origin ○ Political opinions ○ Religious beliefs, or beliefs of a similar nature ○ Where a person is a member of a trade union ○ Physical and mental health ○ Sexual orientation ○ Whether a person has committed, or is alleged to have committed, an offence ○ Criminal convictions
Processing	Obtaining, recording or holding data
Data subject	The person whose personal data is held or processed
Data controller	A person or organisation that determines the purposes for which, and the manner in which, personal data is processed
Data processor	A person, other than an employee of the data controller, who processes the data on behalf of the data controller

Consent	*'any freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous indication of the data subject's wishes by which he or she, by a statement or by a clear affirmative action, signifies agreement to the processing of personal data relating to him or her.'*

4. The Data Controller

Our school collects, processes and uses personal information relating to pupils, staff, governors and visitors, and, therefore, is a data controller. Our school delegates the responsibility of data controller to the Data Protection Officer (Mrs Carole Rutherford). The school is registered as a data controller with the Information Commissioner's Office and renews this registration annually. This information is gathered in order to enable the provision of education and other associated functions. In addition, the school may be required by law to collect, use and share certain information.

5. Data Protection Principles

The GDPR establishes six principles as well as several additional duties that must be adhered to at all times:

1. Personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner
2. Personal data shall be collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes (subject to exceptions for specific archiving purposes)
3. Personal data shall be adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary to the purposes for which they are processed and not excessive;
4. Personal data shall be accurate and where necessary, kept up to date;
5. Personal data shall be kept in a form that permits the identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed;
6. Personal data shall be processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal.

Personal data shall not be transferred to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area unless the country or territory ensures an adequate level of protection for the rights and freedoms of data in relation to the processing of personal data

6. Roles and Responsibilities

The governing board has overall responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998 and GDPR 2018.

Day-to-day responsibilities rest with the Head Teacher and Data Protection Officer. The Head Teacher will ensure that all staff are aware of their data protection obligations, and oversee any queries related to the storing or processing of personal data.

Staff are responsible for ensuring that they collect and store any personal data in accordance with this policy. Staff must also inform the school of any changes to their personal data, such as a change of address.

School's Commitment

The school is committed to maintaining the principles and duties in the GDPR at all times. Therefore the school will:

- Inform individuals of the identity and contact details of the data controller.
- Inform individuals of the contact details of the Data Protection Officer.
- Inform individuals of the purposes that personal information is being collected and the basis for this.
- Inform individuals when their information is shared, and why and with whom unless the GDPR provides a reason not to do this.
- If the school plans to transfer personal data outside the EEA the school will inform individuals and provide them with details of where they can obtain details of the safeguards for that information.
- Inform individuals of their data subject rights.
- Inform individuals that the individual may withdraw consent (where relevant) and that if consent is withdrawn that the school will cease processing their data although that will not affect the legality of data processed up until that point.
- Provide details of the length of time an individual's data will be kept.
- Should the school decide to use an individual's personal data for a different reason to that for which it was originally collected the school shall inform the individual and where necessary seek consent.
- Check the accuracy of the information it holds and review it at regular intervals.
- Ensure that only authorised personnel have access to the personal information whatever medium (paper or electronic) it is stored in.

- Ensure that clear and robust safeguards are in place to ensure personal information is kept securely and to protect personal information from loss, theft and unauthorised disclosure, irrespective of the format in which it is recorded.
- Ensure that personal information is not retained longer than it is needed.
- Ensure that when information is destroyed that it is done so appropriately and securely.
- Share personal information with others only when it is legally appropriate to do so.
- Comply with the duty to respond to requests for access to personal information (known as Subject Access Requests.)
- Ensure that personal information is not transferred outside the EEA without the appropriate safeguards.
- Ensure that all staff and governors are aware of and understand these policies and procedures.

7. Privacy notices

7.1 Pupils and parents

We hold personal data about pupils to support teaching and learning, to provide pastoral care and to assess how the school is performing. We may also receive data about pupils from other organisations including, but not limited to, other schools, local authorities and the Department for Education. This data includes, but is not restricted to:

- Contact details
- Results of internal assessment and externally set tests
- Data on pupil characteristics, such as ethnic group or special educational needs
- Exclusion information
- Details of any medical conditions

We will only retain the data we collect for as long as is necessary to satisfy the purpose for which it has been collected.

We will not share information about pupils with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so. Individuals who wish to receive a copy of the information that we hold about them/their child should refer to sections 8 and 9 of this policy.

We are required, by law, to pass certain information about pupils to specified external bodies, such as our local authority and the Department for Education, so that they are able to meet their statutory obligations.

7.2Staff

We process data relating to those we employ to work at, or otherwise engage to work at, our school. The purpose of processing this data is to assist in the running of the school, including to:

- Enable individuals to be paid
- Facilitate safe recruitment
- Support the effective performance management of staff
- Improve the management of workforce data across the sector
- Inform our recruitment and retention policies
- Allow better financial modelling and planning
- Enable ethnicity and disability monitoring
- Support the work of the School Teachers' Review Body

Staff personal data includes, but is not limited to, information such as:

- Contact details
- National Insurance numbers
- Salary information
- Qualifications
- Absence data
- Personal characteristics, including ethnic groups
- Medical information 6
- Outcomes of any disciplinary procedures.

We will only retain the data we collect for as long as is necessary to satisfy the purpose for which it has been collected.

We will not share information about staff with third parties without consent unless the law allows us to.

We are required, by law, to pass certain information about staff to specified external bodies, such as our local authority and the Department for Education, so that they are able to meet their statutory obligations.

Any staff member wishing to see a copy of information about them that the school holds should contact the Head Teacher or School Business Manager.

8. Subject access requests

(Subject access request forms are available from the school office)

Under the Data Protection Act 1998, pupils have a right to request access to information the school holds about them. This is known as a subject access request. Subject access requests must be submitted in writing, either by letter, email or fax.

Requests should include:

- The pupil's name
- A correspondence address
- A contact number and email address
- Details about the information requested.

The school will not reveal the following information in response to subject access requests:

- Information that might cause serious harm to the physical or mental health of the pupil or another individual
- Information that would reveal that the child is at risk of abuse, where disclosure of that information would not be in the child's best interests
- Information contained in adoption and parental order records
- Certain information given to a court in proceedings concerning the child.

Subject access requests for all or part of the pupil's educational record will be provided within 15 school days. Please be aware copier charges will apply.

If a subject access request does not relate to the educational record, we will respond within 40 calendar days.

9. Parental requests to see the educational record

(Subject access request forms are available from the school office)

Parents have the right of access to their child's educational record, free of charge, within 15 school days of a request.

Personal data about a child belongs to that child, and not the child's parents. This is the case even where a child is too young to understand the implications of subject access rights.

For a parent to make a subject access request, the child must either be unable to understand their rights and the implications of a subject access request, or have given their consent.

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The Information Commissioner's Office, the organisation that upholds information rights, generally regards children aged 12 and above as mature enough to understand their rights and the implications of a subject access request. Therefore, most subject access requests from parents of pupils at our school may be granted without the express permission of the pupil.

10. Storage of records

Paper-based records and portable electronic devices, such as laptops and hard drives that contain personal information are kept secure when not in use. Papers containing confidential personal information should not be left on office and classroom desks, on staffroom tables or pinned to noticeboards where there is general access.

Where personal information needs to be taken off site (in paper or electronic form), this will be carried out in accordance with the school's data mapping document.

Passwords that are at least 8 characters long containing letters and numbers are used to access school computers, laptops and other electronic devices. Staff and pupils are reminded to change their passwords at regular intervals

Encryption software is used to protect all portable devices and removable media, such as laptops and USB devices.

Staff, pupils or governors who store personal information on their personal devices are expected to follow the same security procedures for school-owned equipment.

11. Disposal of records

Personal information that is no longer needed, or has become inaccurate or out of date, is disposed of securely.

For example, we will shred or incinerate paper-based records, and override electronic files. We may also use an outside company to safely dispose of electronic records.

12. Training

Our staff and governors are provided with data protection training as part of their induction process. Data protection will also form part of continuing professional development, where changes to legislation or the school's processes make it necessary.

13. The General Data Protection Regulation

We acknowledge that the law is changing on the rights of data subjects and that the General Data Protection Regulation is due to come into force in May 2018.

We will review working practices when this new legislation takes effect and provide training to members of staff and governors where appropriate.

14. Monitoring arrangements

The Head Teacher, Data Protection Officer and nominated governor representative are responsible for monitoring and reviewing this policy.

This document will be reviewed when the General Data Protection Regulation comes into force, and then every 2 years. At every review, the policy will be shared with the full governing body.

15. Links with other policies

This data protection policy and privacy notice is linked to the freedom of information publication scheme.

16. Complaints

Complaints will be dealt with in accordance with the school's complaints policy. Complaints relating to the handling of personal information may be referred to the Information Commissioner who can be contacted at Wycliffe House, Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF or at www.ico.gov.uk.

17. Contacts

If you have any enquires in relation to this policy, please contact Mrs S Price (Head Teacher) or Mrs S Trafford (School Business Manager).

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