



The First Federation Trust

Data Privacy Notice

For employees and candidates

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Purpose of this document

The First Federation Trust is a data controller, and this document describes the workforce data that is collected and how it is processed. As a controller, we are responsible for deciding what data is collected and how it is processed.

Under the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UKGDPR, we must abide by the principle of transparency and the right of data subjects to be informed about how their data is processed.

This document provides such information. It will be updated occasionally, and updates will be communicated to the relevant data subjects.

It is your duty to inform us of changes.

The categories of school information that we collect and process include the following:

In the course of employing staff in our organisation, we collect the following personal information when you provide it to us:

- personal information such as name, employee or teacher number, national insurance number, date of birth, nationality, marital status, gender, address and contact details (home phone number, personal email address), emergency contact / next of kin;
- contractual and employment information (such as start date, hours worked, post, roles and salary information); work absence information (such as number of absences and reasons);
- Characteristics information such as gender, age;
- disciplinary/grievance/complaint records;
- work absence information such as number of absences and reasons;
- qualifications and skills (and, where relevant, subjects taught), safeguarding status, first aid qualifications), right to work information (passport, visa, indefinite leave to remain) ;
- photographic and interactive media including CCTV at applicable school/trust sites;
- criminal record data (if it exists during pre-employment checks, including via the Disclosure and Barring Service), prohibition order check results, childcare disqualification check results;
- special category data such as racial/ethnic group, religion, trade union membership (and payroll deductions made), biometric data (entry point and payment systems), sexual orientation (if raised in discrimination issues);
- health data such as occupational health referrals and associated data, pre-employment medicals, disabilities, access to work assessments and associated data; and
- we record CCTV for the safety and security of everyone in the school.
- your use of school devices and networks as part of our safeguarding procedures

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;
- calculate pension payments and any other salary calculations (such as sick pay or maternity pay);
- facilitate safer recruitment;
- ensure effective performance management;
- support safeguarding, wellbeing and safer working practices;
- meet statutory duties including safeguarding and child welfare obligations;
- maintain cyber security, information security and service resilience;
- support secure and effective use of educational technology and digital systems;
- protect public monies against fraud
- detect and prevent crime and combat fraud
- allow better financial modelling and planning
- streamline systems; and
- investigate complaints, concerns, misconduct, safeguarding or security incidents.
- photographic images for identification purposes (safeguarding), and celebration purposes (to record work, classes and school/trust events)

The lawful basis on which we process this information

We collect and process school workforce information:

- under Article 6.1.g of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UKGDPR) to perform our official function (public task);
- to carry out our duties as an employer under the terms of a contract (Art 6.1.c) and in carrying out obligations and exercising specific rights as the controller (Art 9.2.b);
- classed as Special Category data, e.g. race, ethnicity etc, under Article 9 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to carry out tasks in the public interest;
- where it 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;

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- where it is carried out as a task in the public interest, such as equal opportunities monitoring, for child protection purposes or where otherwise authorised by law, such as Departmental Censuses as required in the Education Act 1996;
- during the recruitment process, background checks will be done, which may involve the collection of criminal convictions. We will process criminal conviction data as it is reported during employment/recruitment to assess the suitability of continued employment/recruitment; and
- where you have given us consent to do so (Article 6(a)).
- under Article 6(d) - being necessary for us to protect your, or someone else's, Vital Interests (potentially lifesaving)

Legitimate interests

In limited circumstances, we may process workforce information where it is necessary for our legitimate interests or recognised legitimate interests under data protection law, provided those interests are not overridden by the rights and freedoms of individuals.

This may include:

- network and cyber security;
- prevention and detection of fraud or unauthorised access;
- safeguarding and security monitoring;
- internal administrative and management purposes;
- workforce planning and operational resilience;
- investigating complaints, disciplinary matters or incidents; and
- protecting school/trust systems, property and information.

Where legitimate interests are relied upon, we will ensure processing is necessary, proportionate and appropriately balanced against individual rights.

Automated Decision Making and AI Systems

We may use digital systems, including systems supported by artificial intelligence (AI), to support administrative, safeguarding, recruitment, educational and operational activities.

Any use of AI-assisted systems will be subject to appropriate human oversight and governance. We do not make solely automated decisions about workforce members where those decisions would have a legal or similarly significant effect unless permitted by law and appropriate safeguards are in place.

Examples of AI-supported processing may include:

- document drafting and summarisation;
- safeguarding monitoring support;
- IT and cyber-security monitoring;

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- recruitment screening support;
- timetable and workforce planning tools; and
- transcription or accessibility tools.

Where AI or automated tools are used, we will ensure:

- processing is lawful, fair and transparent;
- data minimisation principles are applied;
- appropriate security and confidentiality controls are maintained;
- human review is available where appropriate; and
- any third-party providers act under appropriate contractual controls.

Please note that many of these digital and AI-supported tools include integrated filtering and monitoring features used to maintain cyber security, service resilience, and safeguarding obligations. Further information on the use of AI tools can be found in our AI policy.

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 contacting the DPO, whose details are on the front page of this document.

Our basis for processing special category data:

For special category data (sensitive personal information) we only collect and use it when we have both a lawful basis as set out above and one of the following conditions for processing as set out in data protection law:

- 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 insofar as it is authorised by domestic law or a collective agreement pursuant to domestic law providing for appropriate safeguards for the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject;
- processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or whenever courts are acting in their judicial capacity; or
- the assessment of an employee's health and capacity to work, subject to confidentiality safeguards.

Collecting this information

Workforce data is essential for the school's / local authority's operational use. Whilst the majority of information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a

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voluntary basis. In order to comply with data protection legislation, we will confirm whether you are required to provide certain school workforce information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Information will be collected during the application and recruitment process, from you or your agency (such as applications, new starter forms and contracts). Additional information may be requested from third-parties during the recruitment process, including agencies undertaking background checks and former employers.

We collect personal information during employment (such as change of personal details forms and other data collection forms, as well as reports made by other parties, which may be kept in your personnel file) as and when required.

CCTV recording and monitoring is in use on-site. Please see the organisational CCTV policy for further details.

Storing this information

We hold data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule. For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please contact the school office.

We maintain technical and organisational security measures including access controls, encryption, monitoring, cyber-security protections and staff training designed to protect personal information against accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure or access.

Who do we share this information with

We routinely share this information with

- Our local authority;
- The Department for Education (DfE);
- safeguarding partners and multi-agency safeguarding arrangements where required by law;
- software, cloud-hosting and educational technology providers acting on our behalf;
- auditors, insurers, legal advisers and regulators where necessary;
- law enforcement or government agencies where required or permitted by law; and
- Third-party service providers (where a contract exists) in order to fulfil contractual obligations (such as payroll) or where a service is being used in the operations of the school (such as parent communication applications).

Only information required for the stated purpose is shared, and all third-parties are required to ensure appropriate technical and organisational measures are in place to secure your data.

International transfers

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Some of our service providers may process personal data outside the United Kingdom. Where this occurs, we will ensure that appropriate safeguards are in place in accordance with UK data protection law, such as adequacy regulations or approved contractual clauses.

Why we share school workforce information,

We do not share information about workforce members with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

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

We are required to share information about our employees with the (DfE) under section 5 of the Education (Supply of Information about the School Workforce) (England) Regulations 2007 and amendments.

All data is transferred securely and held by the Department for Education (DfE) under a combination of software and hardware controls which meet the current [government security policy framework](#).

For more information, please see the 'How Government uses your data' section.

The Data Protection Principles

We will comply with data protection law. This says that the personal information we hold about you must be:

- Used lawfully, fairly and transparently;
- Collected and used only for the specific, explicit and legitimate purpose they have been collected for and not for any other purposes;
- Adequate and relevant and limited only to what is necessary;
- Accurate and kept up to date;
- Kept only as long as necessary; and
- Kept securely, using appropriate technical and/or organisation measures.

Your rights

You have rights associated with how your data is collected and processed. Not every right is absolute, but under certain circumstances, you can invoke the following rights:

- Right of access
- Right of erasure

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- Right of rectification
- Right to object to processing
- Right to be informed
- Right to data portability
- Right not to be subject to decisions based on automated decision making
- Right to restrict processing
- Right to seek compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations.

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is in a position to ensure your rights are supported. To contact the DPO or to make a right of access request (subject access request) use the contact details on the front of this notice.

Concerns about how your personal data is handled

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 using the contact information on the first page of this document.

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is in a position to ensure your rights are supported. To contact the DPO use the contact details on the front of this Privacy Notice.

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by the Department for Education (DfE), please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

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 the Department for Education (DfE), please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

How Government uses your data

The workforce data that we lawfully share with the Department for Education (DfE) through data collections:

- informs the Department for Education (DfE) policy on pay and the monitoring of the effectiveness and diversity of the school workforce;
- links to school funding and expenditure; and
- supports longer-term research and monitoring of educational policy.

Data collection requirements

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

The Department for Education (DfE) 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; and
- providing information, advice or guidance.

The Department for Education (DfE) 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 the Department for Education (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 the Department for Education (DfE) hold about you

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018, you're entitled to ask the Department for Education (DfE):

- 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; and
- 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 for Education (DfE), you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department for Education's (DfE) personal information charter which is published at the address below:

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

To contact the Department for Education (DfE): <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

Appendix A: List of Processing

For further information regarding any of these processes, please contact the Trust or the data protection officer using the contact details at the top of this privacy notice. School based staff should also review their school's employees privacy notice for a full list for of processing.

Provider	Description
Arbor	School management information system
CPOMS / MyConcern	Pupil safeguarding and behaviour information
Devon Safe recruitment services	DBS checks
Email Octopus	Teaching & learning newsletter circulation and improvement
Everwell Occupational Health	Occupational health services
Evolve	Trip planning and authorisation
Knowledge Bank	Data protection management system
GovernorHub Knowledge	Governance platform
HR one (iTrent)	Payroll (including staff mileage expenses)
IMP	Budget planning
IRIS (PSF)	Financial software (including staff expenses which are not mileage related)
Juniper (Primary Site	Trust and school website provider
Learning by Questions	Test questions to help prepare for SATs / assess knowledge gaps
Magma Maths	Maths curriculum
Microsoft Office365	Office applications including emails, information storage, team meetings, etc
OSHEN	Health & Safety
Peninsula Pensions / Dorset County Pension Funds	Support staff pension scheme
RM Education	IT support
SAM people	HR system
School Photographer/Videographer	- Promotional videos and photos to promote the school/Trust - Photos for Arbor

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StepLab	Coaching & CPD (teachers and leaders)
Schools Advisory Service	Employee assistance programme
Sign in app (relevant school/trust sites)	Recording who is on site
Teachers pension scheme	Teachers pension scheme
Testbase	Test papers to help prepare for SATs / assess pupil knowledge gaps