



GDPR privacy notice for local school board members/trustees and other volunteers

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data. This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about individuals working with our school/trust in a voluntary capacity, including local school board members and trustees.

Who processes your information?

The Diocese of Sheffield Academies Trust is a 'data controller' as defined by Article 4 (7) of the UK GDPR. This means that we determine the purposes for which, and the manner in which, your personal data is processed. We have a responsibility to you and your personal data and will only collect and use this in ways which are compliant with data protection legislation.

Clare Sturman is the data protection officer. Her role is to oversee and monitor the school's data processing practices. This individual can be contacted on **01709 718 640 or dpo@dsat.education**

Where necessary, third parties may be responsible for processing personal information. Where this is required, the school places data protection requirements on third party processors to ensure data is processed in line with privacy rights.

The personal data we hold

Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about you includes, but is not restricted to:

- Personal identifiers, including your name, address and contact details.
- Information relating to your particular role, i.e. if you are a parent governor, community governor etc.
- Information about the history of your appointment.
- Your business and/or financial interests, where applicable.
- Relevant criminal history data, including your DBS check, where applicable.
- Photographs or video images of you, including CCTV footage.
- Relevant skills, expertise and qualifications.
- References you have provided.
- Records of communications and interactions we have with you.
- Equality monitoring information, such as your ethnicity, religious beliefs and gender.
- Information about any health condition or disability you may disclose. We may also collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) information about criminal convictions and offences.

We may also hold data about you that we have received from other organisations, including other schools and social services, and the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of criminal offence data.

Why we use this data

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

We collect and use governance information, for the following purposes:

- a) to meet the statutory duties placed upon us
- b) establish and maintain effective governance

Under the UK GDPR, the legal bases we rely on for processing personal information for general purposes are:

The lawful basis for processing this information is under Article 6 of the GDPR:

- Article 6 1 (b) Contractual obligation
- Article 6 1 (c) Legal obligation
- Article 6 1 (f) Legitimate interests
- Article 6 1 (e) Public task

All academy trusts, under the [Academies Financial Handbook academy trust handbook](#) have a legal duty to provide the governance information as detailed above.

Where special categories of data are collected under Article 9 of the GDPR:

- Article 9 (2)(g) (Reasons of substantial public interest – condition 18 (safeguarding of children and vulnerable people) of Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the DPA 2018) of the UK GDPR

While the majority of information we collect about you is mandatory, there is some information that can be provided voluntarily. 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.

Most of the data we hold about you will come from you, but we may also hold data about you from:

- Local authorities
- Government departments or agencies
- Police forces, courts or tribunals

Storing governance information

We keep personal information about you while you volunteer at our trust/school. We may also keep it beyond your work at our school if this is necessary. We hold data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule; **DSAT Trust Retention Schedule**.

Who we share data with

We do not share information about you with any third party without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary (and it complies with UK data protection law), we may share personal information about you with:

- the Department of Education (DfE)
- Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)
- our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns
- Ofsted
- Our auditors
- Staff Safe
- Companies House
- GovernorHub
- Health authorities
- Security organisations
- Professional advisors and consultants
- Charities and voluntary organisations
- Police forces, courts and tribunals

Department for Education (DfE)

The Department for Education (DfE) collects personal data from educational providers and local authorities. We are required to share information about individuals in governance roles with the Department for Education (DfE), under the requirements set out in the [Academies Financial Handbook academy trust handbook](#)

How Government uses your data

The governance data that we lawfully share with the Department for Education (DfE) via GIAS will:

- increase the transparency of governance arrangements
- enable local authority maintained schools, academies, academy trusts and the Department for Education (DfE) to identify more quickly and accurately individuals who are involved in governance and who govern in more than one context
- allow the Department for Education (DfE) 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 (DfE) including the data that we share with them, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-database-of-governors>

Some of these personal data items are not publicly available and are encrypted within the GIAS system. Access is restricted to authorised Department for Education (DfE) and education establishment users with a Department for Education (DfE) Sign-in account 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 for Education (DfE) unless the law allows it.

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
- 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 (SAR). Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department for Education's (DfE) 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>

Requesting access to your personal data

The UK GDPR gives you certain rights about how your information is collected and used. To make a request for your personal information, contact **Clare Sturman, DPO**.

Your rights include:

- the right to be informed about the collection and use of your personal data – this is called 'right to be informed'.
- the right to ask us for copies of personal information we have about you – this is called 'right of access', this is also known as a subject access request (SAR), data subject access request or right of access request.
- the right to ask us to change any information you think is not accurate or complete – this is called 'right to rectification'.
- the right to ask us to delete your personal information – this is called 'right to erasure'.
- the right to ask us to stop using your information – this is called 'right to restriction of processing'.
- the 'right to object to processing' of your information, in certain circumstances.
- rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.
- the right to withdraw consent at any time (where relevant).
- the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner](#) if you feel we have not used your information in the right way.

There are legitimate reasons why your information rights request may be refused. For example, some rights will not apply:

- right to erasure does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is legal obligation or public task.
- right to portability does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is legal obligation, vital interests, public task or legitimate interests.
- right to object does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is contract, legal obligation or vital interests. And if the lawful basis is consent, you don't have the right to object, but you have the right to withdraw consent.

If you have a concern 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 [raise a concern with ICO](#)

Phone: 0303 123 1113 or via their live chat. Opening hours are Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm (excluding bank holidays).

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.

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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 **Clare Sturman, Data Protection Officer on 01709 718 640 or dpo@dsat.education**

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 **11/08/25**.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: **Clare Sturman, Data Protection Officer on 01709 718 640 or dpo@dsat.education**