

# CANDIDATE PRIVACY NOTICE December 2024



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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' to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about individuals applying for jobs at our school.

We, Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery, Kenmore Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, HA3 8LU are the 'Data Controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

We are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about you. You are being sent a copy of this privacy notice because you are applying for work with us (whether as an employee, worker or contractor). It makes you aware of how and why your personal data will be used, namely for the purposes of the recruitment exercise, and how long it will usually be retained for. It provides you with certain information that must be provided under the United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)

## **DATA PROTECTION PRINCIPLES**

We will comply with data protection law and principles, which means that your data will be:

- Used lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way.
- Collected only for valid purposes that we have clearly explained to you and not used in any
  way that is incompatible with those purposes.
- Relevant to the purposes we have told you about and limited only to those purposes.
- Accurate and kept up to date.
- Kept only as long as necessary for the purposes we have told you about.
- Kept securely.

# THE KIND OF INFORMATION WE HOLD ABOUT YOU

In connection with your application for work with us, we will collect, store, and use the following categories of personal information about you includes, but is not restricted to:

- The information you have provided on our application form, including name, title, address, telephone numbers, personal email address, date of birth, gender, national insurance number, teacher reference number (if applicable), education and qualification details, other training and professional development details, employment history, other skills and experience information, referee details.
- Identity information to support your right to work in the UK, including copies of Passports and/or Photo Driving Licenses
- Any information you provide to us during an interview
- Information given as part of the DBS process,
- Photographs captured by our digital sign in system (Inventry)
- CCTV images captured in school

We may also collect, store and use the following types of more sensitive personal information:

- Information about your race or ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation and political opinions
- Information about your health, including any medical condition, health and sickness records
- Information about criminal convictions and offences





#### **HOW IS YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION COLLECTED?**

We collect personal information about candidates from the following sources:

- You, the candidate.
- Recruitment agencies, from which we collect the following categories of data: name, title, address, telephone numbers, personal email address, date of birth, gender, national insurance number, teacher reference number (if applicable), education and qualification details, other training and professional development details, employment history, other skills and experience information, referee details.
- Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of criminal convictions
- Your named referees, from whom we collect the following categories of data: skills in relating
  to teaching, relationship with pupils, subject knowledge, relationship with parents, behavior
  management, experience of monitoring and supporting staff performance, relationship with
  colleagues, commitment to raising standards, commitment to ensure that children achieve their
  best in school, meeting deadlines, ability to work to manage different task at the same time,
  time management, leadership skills, administrative skills, ICT skills, Ability to be flexible and
  initiate change, punctuality., disciplinary/allegation/ concerns/ capability information, suitability
  to work with children.

# HOW WE WILL USE INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

We will use the personal information we collect about you to:

- Assess your skills, qualifications, and suitability for the role advertised
- Carry out background and reference checks, where applicable
- Communicate with you about the recruitment process
- Keep records related to our safer recruitment policy
- Comply with legal or regulatory requirements

It is in our legitimate interests to decide whether to appoint you to role since it would be beneficial to our business to appoint someone to that role

We also need to process your personal information to decide whether to enter into a contract of employment with you.

Having received your application form and the results from any in-tray exercises or lesson observations, we will then process that information to decide whether you meet the basic requirements to be shortlisted for the role. If you do, we will decide whether your application is strong enough to invite you for an interview. If we decide to call you for an interview, we will use the information you provide to us at the interview to decide whether to offer you the role. If we decide to offer you the role, we will then take up references, carry out a criminal record check and occupational health review before confirming your appointment.

# If you fail to provide personal information

If you fail to provide information when requested, which is necessary for us to consider your application (such as evidence of qualifications or work history), we will not be able to process your application successfully. For example, if we require references for this role and you fail to provide us with relevant details, we will not be able to take your application further.

# HOW WE USE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION

We will use your particularly sensitive personal information in the following ways:

- We will use information about your disability status to consider whether we need to provide appropriate adjustments during the recruitment process, for example whether adjustments need to be made during the in-tray exercises/ lesson observation or interview.
- We will use information about your race or national or ethnic origin, religious, philosophical or moral beliefs, or your sexual life or sexual orientation, to ensure meaningful equal opportunity monitoring and reporting in accordance with any governing legislation.

#### ABOUT CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

We envisage that we will process information about criminal convictions.

We will collect information about your criminal convictions history if you are offered the role (conditional on checks and any other conditions, such as references, being satisfactory). We are required to carry out a criminal records check in order to satisfy ourselves that there is nothing in your criminal convictions history which makes you unsuitable for the role. In particular:

- We are legally required Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) Sept 2020 to carry out criminal record checks for those carrying out this role
- This role is one which is listed on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (SI 1975/1023)] and is also specified in the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations (SI 2002/233)] so is eligible for an enhanced check from the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- We have in place an appropriate policy document and safeguards which we are required by law to maintain when processing such data.

## **AUTOMATED DECISION-MAKING**

You will not be subject to decisions that will have a significant impact on you based solely on automated decision-making.

#### **DATA SHARING**

# Why might you share my personal information with third parties?

We will only share your personal information with the following third parties for the purposes of processing your application: our local authority, suppliers and service providers, employment and recruitment agencies.

All our third-party service providers and other entities in the group are required to take appropriate security measures to protect your personal information in line with our policies. We do not allow our third-party service providers to use your personal data for their own purposes. We only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

## **DATA SECURITY**

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal information from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. 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. They will only process your personal information on our instructions and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

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.

#### **DATA RETENTION**

# How long will you use my information for?

We will retain your personal information if successful and will be moved into an employee file and kept during employment. However, if unsuccessful it will be held for a period of six months after we have communicated to you our decision about whether to appoint you to the role. We retain your personal information for that period so that we can show, in the event of a legal claim, that we have not discriminated against candidates on prohibited grounds and that we have conducted the recruitment exercise in a fair and transparent way. After this period, we will securely destroy your personal information in accordance with our data retention policy.

If we wish to retain your personal information on file, on the basis that a further opportunity may arise in future and we may wish to consider you for that, we will write to you separately, seeking your explicit consent to retain your personal information for a fixed period on that basis.

# RIGHTS OF ACCESS, CORRECTION, ERASURE, AND RESTRICTION

# Your rights in connection with personal information

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

- Request access to your personal information (commonly known as a "data subject access request"). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal information we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it.
- **Request correction** of the personal information that we hold about you. This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate information we hold about you corrected.
- Request erasure of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal information where there is no good reason for us continuing to process it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal information where you have exercised your right to object to processing (see below).
- **Object to processing** of your personal information where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal information for direct marketing purposes.
- Request the restriction of processing of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of personal information about you, for example if you want us to establish its accuracy or the reason for processing it.
- Request the transfer of your personal information to another party.

If you want to review, verify, correct or request erasure of your personal information, object to the processing of your personal data, or request that we transfer a copy of your personal information to another party, please contact our data protection officer in writing.

## **RIGHT TO WITHDRAW CONSENT**

When you applied for this role, you provided consent to us processing your personal information for the purposes of the recruitment exercise. You have the right to withdraw your consent for processing for that purpose at any time. To withdraw your consent, please contact our data protection officer. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your application and, subject to our retention policy, we will dispose of your personal data securely.

# **DATA PROTECTION OFFICER**

We have appointed a data protection officer (DPO) to oversee compliance with this privacy notice. If you have any questions about this privacy notice or how we handle your personal information, please contact the DPO]. You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues. They can be contacted on <a href="mailto:dpo@elmgrove.harrow.sch.uk">dpo@elmgrove.harrow.sch.uk</a>

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact our School Business Manager via <a href="mailto:office@elmgrove.harrow.sch.uk">office@elmgrove.harrow.sch.uk</a>