



FARLEIGH

2.10 PRIVACY NOTICE FOR STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, GOVERNORS AND JOB APPLICANTS

This policy applies to:	Pupils / Staff / Visitors / All Prep / Pre-Prep / Kindergarten Day / Boarding
Person(s) responsible:	Director of Finance and Operations
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This policy should be read in conjunction with:	2.08 Data Protection 2.09 Privacy Notice for Parents and Pupils 2.11 Retention of Records 6.24 Camera Security System

INTRODUCTION

In the course of your work undertaken for Farleigh School (“the school”), we will collect, use and hold (“process”) personal data relating to you as a member of our staff or wider school team, regardless of your employment status. This makes the school a data controller of your personal information, and this Privacy Notice sets out how we will use that information and what your rights are.

WHOM THIS NOTICE APPLIES TO

This notice applies to staff at the school, including: employees, governors, contractors, visiting LAMDA teachers and other peripatetic workers, casual workers, supply staff and temporary staff, and volunteers who may be employed or engaged by the school to work for it in any capacity, as well as prospective applicants for roles. For the purposes of this Policy all the aforementioned are termed ‘staff’ and this is the Privacy Notice for Staff.

Please note that, even if this Notice applies to you, references to "employment", “staff” etc. in this Notice are not intended to imply or confer any employment rights on you if you are a contractor, non-employed worker, or job applicant.

ABOUT THIS NOTICE

This Staff Privacy Notice explains how the school collects, uses and shares (or "processes") personal data of staff, and your rights in relation to the personal data we hold.

This Privacy Notice applies in addition to the school's other relevant terms and conditions and policies that may (depending on your role and status) apply to you, including:

- any contract between the school and its staff, including any terms and conditions of employment and the staff code of conduct;
- the school’s Camera Security System Policy;
- the school’s Retention of Records Policy;
- the school's disciplinary, safeguarding, pastoral, anti-bullying, or health and safety policies, including as to how concerns, low-level concerns or incidents are reported or recorded (both by and about staff);

- the school's data protection policy; and
- the school's IT policies, including its Acceptable Use of ICT policy, eSafety policy, Social Media policy and Remote Working policy.

Please note that any contract you may have with the school will be relevant to how the school processes your data, in accordance with any relevant rights or obligations under that contract. However, this Privacy Notice is the primary document by which we notify you about the use of your personal data by the school.

This Staff Privacy Notice also applies alongside any other information the school may provide about particular uses of personal data, for example when collecting data via an online or paper form.

HOW WE COLLECT YOUR INFORMATION

We may collect your personal data in a number of ways, for example:

- from the information you provide to us before making a job application, for example when you come for an interview;
- when you submit a formal application to work for us, and provide your personal data in application forms and covering letters, or when you complete a self-declaration, etc.; and
- from third parties, for example the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and referees (including your previous or current employers or school), or from third party websites (as part of online suitability checks for shortlisted candidates) or (if you are a contractor or a substitute) your own employer or agent, in order to verify details about you and/or your application to work for us.

More generally, during the course of your employment with us, as a member of staff, we will collect data from or about you, including:

- when you provide or update your contact details;
- when you or another member of staff completes paperwork regarding your performance appraisals;
- in the course of fulfilling your employment (or equivalent) duties more generally, including by filling reports, note taking, or sending emails on school systems;
- in various other ways as you interact with us during your time as a member of staff, and afterwards, where relevant, for the various purposes set out below.

THE TYPES OF INFORMATION WE COLLECT

We may collect the following types of personal data about you (and your family members and 'next of kin', where relevant):

- contact and communications information, including:
 - your contact details (including email address(es), telephone numbers and postal address(es);
 - contact details (through various means, as above) for your family members and 'next of kin', in which case you confirm that you have the right to pass this information to us for use by us in accordance with this Privacy Notice;
 - records of communications and interactions we have had with you;
- biographical, educational and social information, including:
 - your name, title, gender, nationality and date of birth;
 - your image and likeness, including as captured in photographs taken for work purposes;
 - details of your education and references from your institutions of study;
 - lifestyle information and social circumstances;
 - your interests and extra-curricular activities;
 - information in the public domain, including information you may have posted to social media, where relevant to your role (e.g. as part of pre-employment screening);

- financial information, including:
 - your bank account number(s), name(s) and sort code(s) (used for paying your salary or invoices and processing other payments);
 - your tax status (including residence status);
 - information related to pensions, national insurance, or employee benefit schemes;
- work related information, including:
 - details of your work history and references from your previous employer(s);
 - your personal data captured in the work product(s), notes and correspondence you create while employed by or otherwise engaged to work for the school;
 - details of your professional activities and interests;
 - your involvement with and membership of sector bodies and professional associations;
 - information about your employment and professional life after leaving the school, where relevant (for example, where you have asked us to keep in touch with you);
 - nationality and other immigration status information (ie about your entitlement to work in the UK), including copies of passport information (if applicable);
- and any other information relevant to your employment or other engagement to work for the school.

Where this is necessary for your employment or other engagement to work for us, we may also collect special categories of data, and information about criminal convictions and offences, including:

- information revealing your racial or ethnic origin;
- trade union membership, where applicable;
- information concerning your health and medical conditions (for example, where required to monitor and record sickness absences, dietary needs, or to make reasonable adjustments to your working conditions or environment);
- information concerning your sexual life or orientation (for example, in the course of investigating complaints made by you or others, for example concerning discrimination); and
- information about certain criminal convictions (for example, where this is necessary for due diligence purposes, whether by self-declaration or otherwise, or for compliance with our legal and regulatory obligations);

However, this will only be undertaken where and to the extent it is necessary for a lawful purpose in connection with your employment or other engagement to work for the school.

THE BASES FOR PROCESSING YOUR PERSONAL DATA, HOW THAT DATA IS USED AND WHOM IT IS SHARED WITH

(i) Entering into, or fulfilling, our contract with you

We process your personal data because it is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are a party or in order to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract, such as a contract of employment or other engagement with us. In this respect, depending on your role and status, we are likely to use your personal data for the following purposes:

- administering job applications and, where relevant, offering you a role with us;
- carrying out due diligence checks on you, whether during the application process for a role with us or during your engagement with us, including by checking references in relation to your education and your employment history and obtaining any required self-declarations;
- once you are employed or engaged by us in any capacity, for the performance of the contract of employment (or other agreement) between you and us;
- to pay you and to administer benefits (including pensions) in connection with your employment or other engagement with us;

- monitoring your attendance and your performance in your work, including in performance appraisals;
- promoting the school to prospective parents and others, including by publishing the work product(s) you create while employed by or otherwise engaged to work for the school;
- for disciplinary purposes, including conducting investigations where required;
- for other administrative purposes, for example to update you about changes to your terms and conditions of employment or engagement, or changes to your pension arrangements;
- for internal record-keeping, including the management of any staff feedback or complaints and incident reporting; and
- for any other reason or purpose set out in your employment or other contract with us.

(ii) Legitimate Interests

We process your personal data because it is necessary for our (or sometimes a third party's) legitimate interests. Our "legitimate interests" include our interests in running the school in a professional, sustainable manner, in accordance with all relevant ethical, educational, charitable, legal and regulatory duties and requirements (whether or not connected directly to data protection law). In this respect, depending on your role and status, we are likely to use your personal data for the following:

- providing you with information about us and what it is like to work for us (where you have asked for this, most obviously before you have made a formal application to work for us);
- for security and safeguarding purposes, including by operating cameras in various locations on the school's premises;
- to enable relevant authorities to monitor the school's performance and to intervene or assist with incidents as appropriate;
- to provide education services to pupils, including where such services are provided remotely (either temporarily or permanently);
- to carry out or cooperate with any school or external complaints, disciplinary or investigatory process;
- for the purposes of management planning and forecasting, research and statistical analysis;
- in connection with organising events and social engagements for staff;
- making course or travel arrangements on your behalf, where required;
- contacting you or your family members and 'next of kin' for business continuity purposes, to confirm your absence from work, etc.;
- publishing your image and likeness in connection with your employment or engagement with us;
- to monitor (as appropriate) use of the school's IT and communications systems in accordance with the school's ICT Acceptable Use Policy and government guidance such as KCSIE.

(iii) Legal Obligations

We also process your personal data for our compliance with our legal obligations, notably those in connection with employment, charity and company law, tax law and accounting, and child welfare. In this respect, depending on your role and status, we are likely to use your personal data for the following:

- to meet our legal obligations: for example, relating to child welfare (including following the requirements and recommendations of KCSIE), social protection, diversity, equality, and gender pay gap monitoring, employment, immigration / visa sponsorship compliance and health and safety);
- for tax and accounting purposes, including transferring personal data to HM Revenue and Customs to ensure that you have paid appropriate amounts of tax, and in respect of any Gift Aid claims, where relevant;
- for the prevention and detection of crime, and in order to assist with investigations (including criminal investigations) carried out by the police and other competent authorities.

(iv) Special categories of data

Depending on your role and status, we process special categories of personal data (such as data concerning health, religious beliefs, racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or union membership) or criminal convictions and allegations (treated for these purposes as special category data) for the reasons and purposes set out below.

In particular, we process the following types of special category personal data for the following reasons:

- your physical or mental health or condition(s) in order to record sick leave and take decisions about your fitness for work, or (in emergencies) act on any medical needs you may have. This may include Covid-19 (or similar) testing: including managing on-site testing and/or processing the results of tests taken by staff, and sharing this information with relevant health authorities;
- recording your racial or ethnic origin in order to monitor our compliance with equal opportunities legislation;
- trade union membership, in connection with your rights as an employee, agent or contractor and our obligations as an employer or engager of your services;
- categories of your personal data which are relevant to investigating complaints made by you or others, for example concerning discrimination, bullying or harassment, or as part of a complaint made against the School;
- data about any criminal convictions or offences committed by you, for example when conducting criminal background checks with the DBS, or via a self-declaration, or where a matter of public record (online or by any media), or where it is necessary to record or report an allegation (including to police or other authorities, with or without reference to you);

We will process special categories of personal data for lawful reasons only, including because:

- you have given us your explicit consent to do so, but only in circumstances where seeking consent is appropriate;
- it is necessary to protect your or another person's vital interests, for example, where you have a life-threatening accident or illness in the workplace and we have to process your personal data in order to ensure you receive appropriate medical attention;
- it is necessary for the purposes of carrying out legal obligations and exercising legal rights (both yours and ours) in connection with your employment or engagement by us;
- it is necessary in connection with some function in the substantial public interest, including:
 - the safeguarding of children or vulnerable people; or
 - to prevent or detect unlawful acts; or
 - as part of a function designed to protect the public, pupils or parents from seriously improper conduct, malpractice, incompetence or unfitness in a role, or failures in services by the School (or to establish the truth of any such allegations); or
 - or to cooperate with a relevant authority, professional or regulatory body (such as the ISI, DfE, LADO or TRA) in such matters.
- to comply with public health requirements; or
- it is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims, such as where any person has brought a claim or serious complaint against us or you.

(v) Low-level concerns about adults

We will process personal data about you, whether or not it constitutes special category data, in accordance with our policy on recording and sharing low-level concerns about adults. This will be processed for the same safeguarding and/or employment law reasons as set out above.

Such records are subject to the rules on retention set out in the school's Low Level Concerns Policy, and you have the same rights in respect of that information, as any other personal data that we hold on you.

However, any requests to access, erase or amend personal data we hold in accordance with this policy may be subject to necessary exemptions, for example if we consider that compliance with the request might unreasonably impact the privacy rights of others or give rise to a risk of harm to children.

As a general rule, records of low level concerns will be kept either until the termination of your employment or for up to 7 years following the termination of your employment where relevant, individually or cumulatively, to any employment, disciplinary or safeguarding matter. Low level concerns will not be included in references unless they relate to issues which would normally be included in references, for example, misconduct or poor performance. A low level concern which relates exclusively to safeguarding (and not to misconduct or poor performance) will not be referred to in a reference.

(vi) Sharing your information with others

For the purposes referred to in this privacy notice and relying on the grounds for processing as set out above, we may share your personal data with certain third parties. We may disclose limited personal data (including in limited cases special category or criminal data) to a variety of recipients including:

- other employees, agents and contractors (eg third parties processing data on our behalf as part of administering payroll services, the provision of benefits including pensions, IT etc. – although this is not sharing your data in a legal sense, as these are considered data processors on our behalf);
- DBS and other government authorities (e.g. HMRC, DfE, CAFCASS, police, Home Office, a relevant public health / NHS body and / or local authority) and/or appropriate regulatory bodies;
- external auditors or inspectors;
- our advisers where it is necessary for us to obtain their advice or assistance, including insurers, lawyers, accountants, or other external consultants;
- when the school is legally required to do so (by a court order, government body, law enforcement agency or other authority of competent jurisdiction), for example HM Revenue and Customs or police.

We may also share information about you with other employers in the form of a reference, where we consider it appropriate, or if we are required to do so in compliance with our legal obligations. References given or received in confidence may not be accessible under your UK GDPR rights.

HOW LONG YOUR INFORMATION IS KEPT

Personal data relating to unsuccessful job applicants is deleted within 6 months of the end of the application process, except where we have notified you we intend to keep it for longer (and you have not objected).

Subject to any other notices that we may provide to you, we may retain your personal data for a period of 7 years after your contract has expired or been terminated.

However, some information may be retained for longer than this, for example incident reports and safeguarding files, in accordance with specific legal requirements.

YOUR RIGHTS

You have the following rights:

- to obtain access to, and copies of, the personal data that we hold about you
 - this can be achieved through a Data Subject Access Request (DSAR), for which the procedure is laid down in the school's [Data Protection Policy \(2.08\)](#)
- to require us to correct the personal data we hold about you if it is incorrect
- to require us (in certain circumstances) to erase your personal data
- to request that we restrict our data processing activities (and, where our processing is based on your consent, you may withdraw that consent, without affecting the lawfulness of our processing based on consent before its withdrawal)

- to receive from us the personal data we hold about you which you have provided to us, in a reasonable format specified by you, including for the purpose of you transmitting that personal data to another data controller
- to object, on grounds relating to your particular situation, to any of our particular processing activities where you feel this has a disproportionate impact on your rights

Please note that the above rights are not absolute, and we may be entitled to refuse requests where exceptions apply. The school will endeavour to respond to any such requests as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within statutory time-limits (which is generally one month, but actually fulfilling more complex or multiple requests, e.g. those involving third party information, may take 1-2 months longer).

You can find out more about your rights under applicable data protection legislation from the Information Commissioner's Office website available at www.ico.org.uk.

HOW SHOULD YOU PROCESS PERSONAL DATA?

Everyone who works for, or on behalf of, the school has some responsibility for ensuring data is collected, stored and handled appropriately, in line with this privacy notice and the school's [Retention of Records Policy \(2.11\)](#). The school's Information Management Officer is responsible for reviewing this privacy notice. You should direct any questions in relation to this privacy notice or data protection to him in the first instance.

- You should only access personal data covered by this privacy notice if you need it for the work you do for, or on behalf of, the School and only if you are authorised to do so. You should only use the data for the specified lawful purpose for which it was obtained.
- You should not share personal data informally or using non-school IT (for example, via WhatsApp).
- You should keep personal data secure and not share it with unauthorised people.
- You should regularly review and update personal data which you have to deal with for work; this includes telling HR if your own contact details change.
- You should not make unnecessary copies of personal data and should keep and dispose of any copies securely.
- You should use strong passwords (speak to the IT for advice if required).
- You must lock your computer screens when not at your desk.
- Personal data should be encrypted and/or password protected before being transferred electronically to authorised external contacts. Please contact the IT Helpdesk for more information on how to do this.
- Consider anonymising data or using separate keys/codes so that the data subject cannot be identified.
- Do not save personal data of others to your own personal computers or other devices.
- Personal data should never be transferred outside the European Economic Area unless in compliance with the law and authorisation of the Information Management Officer (for example, where an online software solution holds data 'in the cloud' and that is actually on a server outside the EEA).
- You should lock offices, drawers and filing cabinets; do not leave paper with personal data lying about and aim to operate a 'Clear Desk' policy.
- You should not take personal data away from school premises without authorisation from your Line Manager or the Information Management Officer; this includes when permitted to work from home.
- When in paper/physical form, personal data should be shredded and disposed of securely when you have finished with it, or be deleted from the school's systems in accordance with the Retention of Records Policy .
- You should ask for help from the Information Management Officer if you are unsure about data protection or if you notice any areas of data protection or security we can improve upon.
- Any deliberate or negligent breach of this privacy notice by you may result in disciplinary action being taken against you in accordance with our disciplinary procedure.

It is a criminal offence to conceal or destroy personal data which is part of a DSAR. This conduct would also amount to gross misconduct under our disciplinary procedure, which could result in your dismissal.

HOW TO DEAL WITH DATA BREACHES

We have robust measures in place to minimise and prevent data breaches from taking place. Should a breach of personal data occur (whether in respect of you or someone else) then inform the Information Management Officer (the DFO) **at the earliest opportunity**; take notes; and keep evidence of that breach in accordance with the School's Data Breach Management Procedure (within the [Data Protection Policy \(2.08\)](#)). The DFO (or member of SMT) will notify the Information Commissioner's Office within 72 hours where required.

THIS NOTICE

The school will update this Staff Privacy Notice from time to time. Any substantial changes that affect your rights will be provided to you directly as far as is reasonably practicable.

CONTACT AND COMPLAINTS

If you have any queries about this privacy notice or how we process your personal data, or if you wish to exercise any of your rights under applicable law, you may contact your line manager or refer the matter to the HR Manager through the staff grievance procedure.

If you are not satisfied with how we are processing your personal data, or how we deal with your complaint, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner: www.ico.org.uk. The ICO does recommend you seek to resolve any issues with the data controller initially prior to any referral.