



Privacy notice (How we use Governor information)

This notice explains how we use information about you and what we do with it. We call this information about you 'personal data' or personal information'.

The categories of governance information that we process include:

- personal identifiers, contacts and characteristics (such as name, date of birth, contact details, school email address, home address and postcode)
- personal ID/proof of address
- personal photograph (for staff identity purposes)
- DBS information
- governance details (such as role, start and end dates and governor id)

Why we collect and use governance information

The personal data collected is essential, in order for the school, 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) for contact purposes
- c) to fulfil safeguarding requirements
- d) to fulfil official functions and meet legal requirements

Under the [UK General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\) 2018](#), the legal bases we rely on for processing personal information for general purposes are:

- for the purpose a) named above in accordance with the legal basis of legal obligation

All local authority maintained school governing bodies, under [section 538 of the Education Act 1996](#), and academy trusts, under the [academy trust handbook](#), have a legal duty to provide the governance information as detailed above.

In addition, concerning any special category data:

- substantial public task under [UK GDPR - Article 9](#)

Collecting governance information

The way we collect personal information includes, but is not restricted to:

- governor application form
- register of school business interests
- conflict of interest declarations
- references

- proof of identity documents for DBS check

Governance roles data is essential for the school's operational use. Whilst the majority of personal information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it may be requested on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with UK-GDPR, we will inform you at the point of collection whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing governance information

We create and maintain a personal record of each member of the full governing body. The information contained in this file is kept secure and is only used for purposes directly relevant to your role as a governor.

For more information on data retention and how we keep your data safe, please visit our [Data Protection Policy](#).

Who we share governance information with

We routinely share this information with:

- *Our local authority (London Borough of Redbridge) – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it.*
- *The Department for Education – to satisfy our legal requirement to report to them.*
- *Ofsted – to fulfil our statutory function as a school*
- *Suppliers and service providers (e.g., InVentry) – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for*
- *Our auditors, or auditors of the London Borough of Redbridge*
- *Police forces, courts, tribunals – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information.*
- *Prospective, current or previous employers – for example as part of reference requests*
- *Microsoft and Google – to provide products, services and support, and to improve and develop products.*
- *Readers of our school website and electronic communication, newsletters, internal displays, school printed literature (including the Year 11 and Year 13 yearbook), local and national media, and the school's Facebook page, Instagram account and YouTube channel*
- *Web monitoring and filtering software (e.g. LGfL-Senso, Impero) - for safeguarding purposes*
- *Single Central Register (SCR) – to provide services and safeguarding assurances*

Why we share governance information

We do not share information about individuals in governance roles with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Local authority

We are required to share information about our governance roles with our local authority (LA) under the Education Act 2002 s1 Instrument of Governance

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 our governance roles with the Department for Education (DfE) under [section 538 of the Education Act 1996](#).

All data is entered manually on the GIAS service 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.

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 the Data Protection Officer at the London Borough of Redbridge at dataprotection.schools@redbridge.gov.uk.

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](#).

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.

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 school office on info@woodbridgehigh.co.uk.

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 in July 2026.

Contact

Our Data Protection Officer (DPO) is the DPO at the London Borough of Redbridge. If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, they can be contacted at dataprotection.schools@redbridge.gov.uk.

Our school's Data Protection Lead is Ms Rafiq, who can be contacted at info@woodbridgehigh.co.uk.

How government uses your data

- 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 (DSI) 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). See the guide for details:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/requesting-your-personal-information/requesting-your-personal-information#your-rights>

Further information on what personal information the Department for Education (DfE) holds about you is published in the privacy notice below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/privacy-information-education-providers-workforce-including-teachers>

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