



Data Protection Policy

Dec 2024

Statutory policy

Policy Review

This policy was adopted, reviewed and agreed by the Governing Board on 10.12.2024.

It is due for review in Autumn 2025 (up to 2 years from the above date).

Signature Chair of Governors:

Mrs K Redrup

All the governors and staff of Binstead Primary School are committed to sharing a common objective to help keep the children and staff of the school community safe. We ensure that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place in order to support families, children and staff of the school.

Revision Record

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The General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018 replaced the Data Protection Act 1998 in May 2018. This legislation governs how personal data should be handled to protect individuals and is hereinafter collectively referred to as data protection legislation.

The Governing body for Binstead Primary School collect and use personal information (referred to in the Data Protection Act as personal data) about staff, students, parents and other individuals who come into contact with the school. This information is gathered in order to enable the provision of education and other associated functions. In addition, the school may be required by law to collect, use and share certain information. Consequently, it is required to hold, manage and process any personal data fairly, lawfully and in accordance with all data protection legislation requirements.

The school is registered as a Data Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and have appointed an Isle of Wight Local Authority based Data Protection Officer **Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer at the Isle of Wight Council** to inform advise and monitor each school's compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Full details of which are available on the ICO website: <https://ico.org.uk/>.

The schools issue a Privacy Notice to all students/parents which summarises the information held on students, why it is held and the other organisations to whom information may be passed.

Purpose

This policy sets out how the school deals with personal information correctly and securely and in accordance with the GDPR, Data Protection Act, and other related legislation.

This policy applies to all personal information however it is collected, used, recorded and stored and whether it is held on paper or electronically.

All school staff and governors involved with the collection, use, processing or disclosure of personal data will be aware of their duties and responsibilities and will adhere to this policy.

What is Personal Information/Data?

Personal information or data is information which relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data, or from the data in addition to other information available to them. Personal data includes (but is not limited to) an individual's name, address, date of birth, photograph, bank details and other information that identifies them, unique identifiers (such as pupil numbers or IP addresses) and biometric data (such as fingerprints).

What is Sensitive Personal Data?

Sensitive personal data (referred to in the GDPR as "special categories of personal data") includes information as to an individual's racial or ethnic origin, their political opinions, religious beliefs or beliefs of a similar nature, whether they are a member of a trade union, their physical or mental health or condition, sexual life, the commission or alleged commission of an offence and any proceedings for an offence committed or alleged to have been committed by them, the disposal of those proceedings or the sentence of any court in such proceedings.

This information is considered to be more private and requires additional consideration when collecting and storing.

Who this Policy applies to:

This policy applies to all who have access to personal data held by the school, whether employees, agency staff, governors or volunteers.

Data Protection Principles

In accordance to the requirement outlined in the GDPR personal data will be:

1. Processed fairly, lawfully and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals.
2. Collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes or statistical purposes shall not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes.
3. Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed.
4. Accurate and where necessary, kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that is inaccurate, having regards for the purposes for which they are processed, are erased and rectified without delay.
5. Kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for longer than necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; personal data may be stored for longer periods, insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposed or statistical purposes, subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational measures required by the GDPR in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals.
6. Processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security if the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental lost, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

Accountability

In accordance to the requirement outlined in the GDPR the school will:

7. Implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to demonstrate that data is processed in line with the principles set out in the GDPR.
8. Provide comprehensive, clear and transparent privacy policies.
9. Maintain clear records of activities relating to higher risk processing, such as the processing of special categories of data in relation to criminal convictions and offences.
10. Ensure internal records of processing activities will include the following:
 - Name and details of organisation
 - Purpose(s) of the processing
 - Description of the categories of individuals and personal data
 - Retention schedules
 - Categories of recipients by personal data
 - Description of technical and organisational security measures
 - Details of transfers to third world countries, including documentation of the transfer mechanism safeguards in place (*not applicable*)
11. Implement measure that meet the principles of data protection by design and data protection by default such as:
 - Data minimisation
 - Pseudonymisation
 - Transparency
 - Allowing individuals to monitor processing

- Continuously creating and improving security features
12. Data protection impact assessments will be used, where appropriate

Commitment

The Governing Body is committed to maintaining the above principles at all times. Therefore the schools will:

- Inform individuals why personal information is being collected.
- Inform individuals when their information is shared, and why and with whom unless the GDPR or Data Protection Act provides a reason not to do this.
- Obtain consent before processing Sensitive Personal Data, even if consent is implied within a relevant privacy notice, unless one of the other conditions for processing in the Data Protection Act applies.
- Check the accuracy of the information it holds and review it at regular intervals.
- Ensure that any inaccurate or incomplete personal data is rectified within the correct timeframe.
- Ensure that only authorised personnel have access to the personal information whatever medium (paper or electronic) it is stored in.
- Ensure that clear and robust safeguards are in place to ensure personal information is kept securely and to protect personal information from loss, theft and unauthorized disclosure, irrespective of the format in which it is recorded.
- Ensure that personal information is not retained longer than it is needed.
- Ensure that when information is destroyed that it is done so appropriately and securely.
- Share personal information with others only when it is legally appropriate to do so.
- Comply with the duty to respond to requests for access to personal information, known as Subject Access Requests.
- Ensure that personal information is not transferred outside the EEA without appropriate safeguards.
- Ensure that staff are aware of what constitutes a data breach and any data breaches are dealt with using the correct procedure and in a timely fashion. [link/refer to Data Breach policy]
- Ensure all staff and governors are aware of and understand these policies and procedures.

Individuals' Rights

Under Data Protection legislation, individuals have certain rights:

- The right to be informed.
- The right of access.
- The right to rectification
- The right to erasure
- The right to restrict processing
- The right to data portability
- The right to object
- Rights related to automated decision making, including profiling

The data subject rights may be qualified which means that there may be occasions when we are unable to comply with the request due one of the exemptions specified in the act or regulations apply. If an exemption is applied the school will notify the data subject of which exemption applies and give reasons for the decision to apply the exemption.

Complaints

Complaints will be dealt with in accordance with the school's complaints procedures which can be found on the website. Copies can also be obtained from the school. Complaints relating to the handling of personal information may be referred to the Information Commissioner who can be contacted at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or at www.ico.gov.uk.

Review

This policy will be reviewed as it is deemed appropriate, but no less frequently than every three years. The policy review will be undertaken by the governing body of Binstead Primary School

Contacts

If you have any enquires in relation to this policy, please contact the respective Data Officer for Binstead Primary School who will also act as the contact point for any subject access requests.

Consider also:

Lawfulness of processing conditions

Special conditions for sensitive personal data

Process for reasons of legal duty (ie. complying with police or court requests)

Data processors and partner agencies

Training