

The Auriga Academy Trust

Privacy Notice – Workforce

How the Trust and its schools use pupil information

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1 Privacy Notice (How the Trust / schools use workforce information)

The Trust / school collects, holds, uses and shares information about its workforce. This is known as “personal data” and you have rights around that data, including knowing how and why the Trust / school is processing the data. “Processing” data means everything from collecting, to storing, using, sharing and disposing of it. The Trust / school workforce includes all those employed to teach, or otherwise engaged to work, either on a paid, contracted or voluntary basis, at the Trust / school.

For the purposes of Data Protection legislation, The Auriga Academy Trust is a data controller and is registered as such with the Information Commissioner’s Office.

2 The categories of Trust / school workforce information that is processed include:

The categories of workforce information that the Trust / schools process include

- personal information (such as name, address, employee or teacher number, national insurance number)
- characteristics such as ethnicity, language, religion and identity*
- equalities monitoring information, including information about your ethnic origin, sexual orientation, health and religion or belief*
- contract information (such as start date, hours worked, post, roles and salary information)
- work absence information (such as number of absences and reasons) and relevant medical information *
- qualifications (and, where relevant, subjects taught)
- photographic and CCTV records *
- information about medical or health conditions, including whether you have a disability for which the school needs to make reasonable adjustments *
- details of trade union membership if you pay your subscriptions through payroll *
- next of kin and emergency contact details
- recruitment information including right to work documentation, confidential references, application and/or CV
- checks made regarding online presence including social media searches
- performance information
- information relating to grievance and/or disciplinary procedures
- your use of Trust / school devices and networks as part of our safeguarding procedures
- information about any criminal convictions, offences, cautions and prohibitions. This information may have come from other organisations including former employers, Teacher Regulation Agency, social services and the Disclosure & Barring Service.*

Items marked with an asterisk * are particularly sensitive and so are known as special category or criminal offence data. This includes data that the Department for Education advises the Trust treats as special category.

Some of the legal conditions for processing special category and criminal offence data require the Trust / school to have an Appropriate Policy Document (‘APD’) in place, setting out and explaining procedures for securing compliance with the data protection principles and to have policies regarding the retention and erasure of such personal data. This document is the Trust’s Special Category Data Policy Document and should be read alongside this Privacy Notice.

3 Why the Trust / school collects and uses workforce information

The Trust / school uses workforce data to:

- enable the development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed
- inform the development of recruitment and retention policies
- enable individuals to be paid
- facilitate safer recruitment (e.g. by carrying out criminal records checks and requesting references)
- support effective performance management
- allow better financial modelling and planning
- support the management of absence
- photographic images for identification purposes (safeguarding), and celebration purposes (to record work, classes and school events)
- to meet statutory duties

- for site safety and security
- to protect public monies against fraud
- to detect and prevent crime and combat fraud
- to streamline systems

Under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), the legal basis for processing your personal information include:

- Article 6(a) – Your consent (for any processing which does not fall into the other bases explained below)
- Article 6(b) - Contract (your contract of employment)
- Article 6(c) - Compliance with Trust legal obligations

In particular, but not exclusively:

- Section 5 of the Education (Supply of Information about the School Workforce) (England) Regulations 2007 and amendments
- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022 (statutory guidance from the Department for Education issued under Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 etc).
- Equality and Health & Safety legislation.
- Article 6(d) - Being necessary for us to protect your, or someone else's, Vital Interests (potentially lifesaving)
- Article 6(e) – Carrying out tasks in the Public Interest.
- Article 6(f) – For legitimate Interests

The ways the Trust / school collects and uses *sensitive* workforce information are lawful based on Articles 9 and 10 of UK GDPR. Please see our Special Category Data Policy document for full details of these lawful bases for processing this data.

Where the Trust / school is processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent.

3.1 Marketing Purposes

Where you have given the Trust / school consent to do so, the Trust / school may send you marketing information by text message or email promoting school events, campaigns and or charities. You can withdraw this consent at any time by contacting the Trust / school (**contacts are in section 12 at the end of this document**).

3.2 Automated decision making & profiling

The Trust / school does not currently process any personal data through automated decision making or profiling. Should this change in the future, privacy notices will be updated to explain both the processing and your right to object to it.

4 How the Trust / school collects workforce information

The Trust / school collects this information in a variety of ways. For example, data is collected through application forms, obtained from your passport or other identity documents such as your driving licence, from forms completed by you at the start of or during employment (such as pension benefit nomination forms), from correspondence with you, or through interviews, meetings or other assessments, self-certification forms [medical], Fit Notes, images provided by individuals or taken using Trust / school photographic equipment, local authorities, previous employers, NHS, law enforcement agencies e.g. police, the Disclosure and Barring Service and the Department for Education [DfE].

The Trust / school sometimes audio/ video record sessions/lessons/assessments for pupil or staff development and assessment. This will generate personal data including staff images, names, contributions, and will be protected, processed and retained in the same way as all personal data, in line with the Trust's / school's Data Protection Policies and in accordance with other policies including Acceptable Use, Off Site Working and Bring Your Own Device policies, as well as the Retention Schedule. Recordings in these circumstances will be carried out in line with Trust HR policies.

Workforce data is essential for the Trust's / school's operational use. Whilst the majority of personal information you provide is mandatory, some of it is requested on a voluntary basis. The Trust / school will inform you at the

point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain information to the Trust / school and your rights in relation to this.

5 How, where and for how long the Trust / school stores workforce information

The Trust / school stores workforce information securely on each school's IT network. The Trust uses a cloud-based HR system (EveryHR) to manage HR data securely. Other staff records are stored securely on O365. Secure storage is provided for paper-based records.

The Trust / school only keeps the information for the length of time it needs it for, as shown in the Trust's **Data Retention Schedule**. For more information on the data retention schedule, please visit the Trust website.

The Trust / school disposes of personal information securely when it is no longer need it.

6 Who the Trust / school shares workforce information with

The Trust / school routinely share this information with:

- The Trust Board / Governing Body
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- HMRC
- The Disclosure and Barring Service
- Employers where references are requested – we will always mark these as confidential
- law enforcement agencies e.g. police
- External systems used by the School to carry out day to day processes and requirements. For example, and not limited to; Xero for Education, ARBOR, Every HR, Dataplan.

Your personal information may be transferred outside the UK and the European Economic Area ('EEA'), including to the United States. Where information is transferred outside the UK or EEA to a country that is not designated as "adequate" in relation to data protection law, the information is adequately protected by the use of International Data Transfer Agreements and security measures, and other appropriate safeguards. For more information on international transfers, **contacts are in section 12 at the end of this document**.

7 Why the Trust shares school workforce information

The Trust does not share information about its workforce members with anyone without consent unless the law and policies allow the Trust / school to do so.

8 Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations 2004

As a public body, the Trust / school is subject to requests made under the above legislation. Therefore, the Trust / school has a legal obligation to process any personal data it holds when considering requests under these laws.

For example, the Trust may receive a request asking about numbers of staff with particular levels of professional qualification.

However, the Trust / school will never disclose personal data in its responses to these requests where to do so would contravene the principles of data protection.

9 Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, you have the right to request access to information about you that the Trust / school holds. To make a request for your personal information, contact the School Office, the Headteacher or the Data Protection Officer.

You also have the right to:

- be informed about the collection and use of your personal data.
- rectification, ie to have inaccurate personal data rectified, or completed if it is incomplete.
- erasure, often known as the 'right to be forgotten'; however this does not apply where, amongst other things, processing is necessary to comply with a legal obligation.
- restrict processing, although, as above this is a limited right.
- object; though other than for marketing purposes, this is also limited as above.

Where the Trust / school relies on your consent to process your data, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you do change your mind, or you are unhappy with the Trust / school use of your personal data, please let the Trust know, **contacts are in section 12 at the end of this document.**

You also have rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling, though these are not currently relevant.

Finally, the right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts.

If you make a request, the Trust will keep a record of the request and any personal data supplied for a suitable period after its fulfilment, in order to deal with any questions you, your representatives or regulators may have about it.

10 How Government uses your data

The Trust / school shares personal data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. The Trust is required to share information about school employees with the DfE under the Education (Supply of Information about the School Workforce) (England) Regulations 2007 and amendments. All data is transferred securely and held by the DfE under a combination of software and hardware controls which meet the current government security policy framework. For more information about the DfE's data sharing process, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

The workforce data that the Trust lawfully shares with the DfE through data collections:

- informs departmental policy on pay and the monitoring of the effectiveness and diversity of the school workforce
- links to school funding and expenditure
- supports 'longer term' research and monitoring of educational policy.

For all information relating to how the DfE uses your information please visit:

- [Privacy information: education providers' workforce, including teachers - GOV.UK](#)

10.1 Data collection requirements

The DfE collects and processes personal data relating to those employed by Trust / schools and local authorities that work in state funded schools (including all maintained schools, all academies and free schools and all special schools including Pupil Referral Units and Alternative Provision). All state funded schools are required to make a census submission because it is a statutory return under sections 113 and 114 of the Education Act 2005

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education including the data that the Trust / school shares with them, go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

10.2 Sharing by the Department

The Department may share information about school employees with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children or the effective deployment of school staff in England by:

- conducting research or analysis
- producing statistics
- providing information, advice or guidance

The Department has robust processes in place to ensure that the confidentiality of personal data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access to it and its use. Decisions on whether DfE releases personal data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and based on a detailed assessment of:

- who is requesting the data
- the purpose for which it is required
- the level and sensitivity of data requested; and
- the arrangements in place to securely store and handle the data

To be granted access to school workforce information, organisations must comply with the Trust's strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

If you need more information about how the local authority and/or DfE collect and use your information, please visit:

- the local authority at https://www.richmond.gov.uk/data_protection; or
- the DfE website at <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

If you are unable to access these websites, **contacts are in section 12 at the end of this document.**

11 Last updated

The Trust may need to update this privacy notice periodically, so it is recommended that you revisit this information from time to time. This version was last updated on September 2025.

12 Contacts

If you have a concern about the way the Trust / school is collecting or using your personal data or you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please raise your concern with the Trust / school in the first instance.

Please contact the School Office, Headteacher, CEO or COO or the Trust's Data Protection Officer.

Data Protection Officer (DPO): Education Data Hub (Data Protection), Derbyshire County Council

DPO Email: dpforschools@derbyshire.gov.uk

DPO Phone: 01629 532888

DPO Address: County Hall, Smedley Street, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3AG

For the Department of Education (DfE):

Public Communications Unit,

Department for Education,

Sanctuary Buildings,

Great Smith Street,

London, SW1P 3BT

Website: www.education.gov.uk

<https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

Email: <http://www.education.gov.uk>

Telephone: 0370 000 2288

If you are dissatisfied with any of the responses received to your concerns, you can of course contact the ICO quoting the Trust ICO registration number **ZA207911** and stating that the Data Controller is The Auriga Academy Trust.

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