Privacy Notice for Job Applicants

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Privacy Notice for Job Applicants

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how Whitehills Primary School, Acre Lane, Northampton, NN2 8DF, uses any personal data held 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, Whitehills Primary School are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is The ICT Service (see 'Complaints' / 'Contact us' below).

Successful candidates should refer to our privacy notice for the school workforce (staff) for information about how their personal data is collected, stored and used during their period of employment.

The personal data we hold

We process data relating to those applying to work at Whitehills Primary School. Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about you includes, but is not restricted to:

- Full name and address
- Contact details
- Copies of right to work documentation
- References
- Evidence of qualifications
- Employment records, including work history, job titles, training records and professional memberships

We may also collect, store and use information about you that falls into "special categories" of more sensitive personal data. This includes information about (where applicable):

- Race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation and political opinions
- Disability and access requirements

Why we use this data

The purpose of processing this data is to aid the recruitment process by:

- Enabling us to establish relevant experience and qualifications
- Facilitating safe recruitment, as part of our safeguarding obligations towards pupils
- Enabling equalities monitoring
- Ensuring that appropriate access arrangements can be provided for candidates that require them

Our lawful basis for using this data

We only collect and use personal information about you when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we use it where we need to:

- Comply with a legal obligation
- Carry out a task in the public interest

Less commonly, we may also use personal information about you where:

- You have given us consent to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect your vital interests (or someone else's interests)

Where you have provided us with consent to use your data, you may withdraw this consent at any time. We will make this clear when requesting your consent and explain how you go about withdrawing consent if you wish to do so. If you wish to withdraw consent at any time, please contact:

Diana Carrick

Email: bursar@whitehillsprimary.northants.sch.uk

Tel: 01604 843780

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using personal information about you overlap, and there may be several grounds which justify the school's use of your data.

Our basis for using Special Category data Article 9 – UK GDPR | Fieldfisher:

For 'Special Category' data, we only collect and use it when we have both a lawful basis, as set out above, and one of the following conditions for processing as set out in Data Protection Law:

- We have obtained explicit consent to use the special category personal data in a certain way.
- We need to perform or exercise an obligation or right in relation to employment, social security or social protection law.
- We need to protect an individual's vital interests (i.e. protect a child's life or someone else's life), in situations where they are physically or legally incapable of giving consent.
- The data concerned has already been made manifestly public by the data subject.
- We need to process it for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.
- We need to process it for reasons of substantial public interest as defined in legislation.
- We need to process it for health or social care purposes, and the processing is done by, or under the direction of, a health or social work professional or by any other person obliged to confidentiality under law.
- We need to process it for public health reasons, and the processing is done by, or under the direction of, a health professional or by any other person obliged to confidentiality under law.
- We need to process it for archiving purposes, scientific or historical research purposes, or for statistical purposes, and the processing is in the public interest.

For criminal offence data, we will only collect and use it when we have both a lawful basis, as set out above, and a condition for processing as set out in data protection law. Conditions include:

- We have obtained consent to use it in a specific way.
- We need to protect an individual's vital interests (i.e. protect a child's life or someone else's life), in situations where they are physically or legally incapable of giving consent.
- The data concerned has already been made manifestly public by the data subject.
- We need to process it for, or in connection with, legal proceedings, to obtain legal advice, or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal rights.
- We need to process it for reasons of substantial public interest as defined in legislation.

Collecting this information

While most of the information we collect from you is mandatory, there is some information that you can choose whether or not to provide to us.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you, we make it clear whether you must provide this information (and if so, what the possible consequences are of not complying), or whether you have a choice.

How we store this data

Personal data we collect as part of the job application process is stored in line with Whitehills Primary School's Data Protection and Records Management and Retention Policy.

We will retain, and dispose of, the personal data of all unsuccessful job applicants in accordance with our Retention Schedule as set out in our Records Management and Retention Policy. Our current Retention Schedule is available to download from here, alternatively, a copy is available upon request from the school office.

Data sharing

We do not share information about you with any third party without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary (and it complies with data protection law), we may share personal information about you with:

- Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as shortlists of candidates for a headteacher position
- Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for, such as HR and recruitment support
- Professional advisers and consultants
- Employment and recruitment agencies

Transferring data internationally

Where we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the United Kingdom, we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

Your rights

How to access the personal information we hold about you

Individuals have a right to make a 'subject access request' to gain access to personal information that the school holds about them.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you, we will:

- Give you a description of it
- Tell you why we are holding and processing it, and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with
- Let you know whether any automated decision-making is being applied to the data, and any consequences of this
- Give you a copy of the information in an intelligible form

You may also have a right for your personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances.

If you would like to make a request, please contact:

Diana Carrick

Email: bursar@whitehillsprimary.northants.sch.uk

Tel: 01604 843780

Your other rights regarding your data

Under data protection law, individuals have certain rights regarding how their personal data is used and kept safe. You have the right to:

- Object to the use of your personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- Prevent your data being used to send direct marketing
- Object to the use of your personal data for decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than a person)
- In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected, deleted or destroyed, or restrict processing
- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations

To exercise any of these rights, please contact:

Diana Carrick

Email: bursar@whitehills.northants-ecl.gov.uk

Tel: 01604 843780

Complaints

We take any complaints about our collection and use of personal information very seriously.

If you think that our collection or use of personal information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate, or have any other concern about our data processing, please raise this with us in the first instance.

To make a complaint, please contact Diana Carrick at the above contact details.

Current guidance states that you should either contact the school and request a copy of their Data Protection 'Complaints' form (this could be online or in word format), alternatively you could consider using the template located using the following url: How to make a data protection complaint to an organisation | ICO. The school has one month (30 days) to respond to your complaint.

Thereafter, if for whatever reason you are still dissatisfied with their decision, then you should contact the Information Commissioner's Office:

- Report a concern online at Make a complaint about data protection and personal information | ICO
- Call 0303 123 1113 or live chat on Advice services for members of the public | ICO
- Or write to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

You can also contact our Data Protection Officer:

The ICT Service

Email: dpo@theictservice.org.uk

Tel: 01223 752111 (option 4)

Address: South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Great Cambourne, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA

Contact us

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact:

- Diana Carrick
- Email: bursar@whitehills.northants-ecl.gov.uk
- Tel: 01604 843780

This notice is based on the Department for Education's model privacy notice for staff, amended to reflect the way we use data in this school.