# Privacy Notice: How we use school workforce information in Lunesdale Learning Trust

# The categories of school workforce information that we collect, process, hold and share include:

- personal information (such as name, employee or teacher number, national insurance number)
- special categories of data including characteristics information (such as gender, age, ethnic group)
- contract information (such as start dates, hours worked, post, roles and salary information)
- work absence information (such as number of absences and reasons)
- qualifications (and, where relevant, subjects taught)
- emergency contact details
- photograph for management information system
- payroll information (bank account details, pension details, tax code)
- relevant medical or disability information (such as access arrangements, medication and occupational health reports)
- DBS clearance information

### Why we collect and use this information

We use school workforce data to:

- enable individuals to be paid
- ensure we operate efficiently and effectively
- enable the development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed
- inform the development of recruitment and retention policies

# The lawful basis on which we process this information

We need to process all the above categories of information, primarily to allow us to enter into an employment contract with you and to meet our obligations under your employment contract. For example, we need to process your data to provide you with an employment contract, to pay you in accordance with your employment contract and to administer benefit, pension and insurance entitlements.

We also need to process data to ensure that we are complying with our legal obligations. For example, we are required to check an employee's entitlement to work in the UK, to deduct tax, to comply with health and safety laws and to enable employees to take periods of leave to which they are entitled.

# **Collecting this information**

Whilst the majority of information you provide to us is mandatory in order to fulfil an employment contract and our legal obligations, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with data protection legislation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain school workforce information to us or if you have a choice in this.

#### Storing this information

The length of time we hold workforce information is set out in our Records Management Policy.

#### Who we share this information with

We routinely share some of this information with:

- Cumbria County Council
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- other schools or organisations following reference requests
- other public services that have a lawful right to collect workforce information
- Capita DBS checks

#### Why we share school workforce information

We do not share information about workforce members 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 workforce members with our local authority (LA), Cumbria County Council under section 5 of the Education (Supply of Information about the School Workforce) (England) Regulations 2007 and amendments.

**Department for Education (DfE)** - We share personal data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins workforce policy monitoring, evaluation, and links to school funding / expenditure and the assessment educational attainment. We are required to share information about our pupils with the (DfE) under section 5 of the Education (Supply of Information about the School Workforce) (England) Regulations 2007 and amendments.

# **Data collection requirements**

The DfE collects and processes personal data relating to those employed by schools (including Multi Academy Trusts) 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 DfE including the data that we share with them, go to <a href="https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools">www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools</a>.

The DfE 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 DfE 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 DfE's strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information about the department's data sharing process, please visit: <a href="www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data">www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data</a> To contact the DfE: <a href="www.gov.uk/contact-dfe">www.gov.uk/contact-dfe</a>

#### Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, you have the right to request access to information about you that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, please contact the Ellie Clifton, HR Manager.

You also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing
- object to decisions being taken by automated means
- in certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we ask that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <a href="https://ico.org.uk/concerns/">https://ico.org.uk/concerns/</a>

**Further information** If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: The Data Protection Officer, Lunesdale Learning Trust 015242 71275