



Privacy Notice for Recruitment – How we use your information

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Who are we?

Abbots Farm Infant School is the data controller for Abbots Farm Infant School and Abbots Farm Preschool. This means we are responsible for how your personal information is processed and for what purposes.

Abbots Farm Infant School is registered as the Data Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO); Registration Number: **ZA295975**

You can contact the school as the Data Controller in writing at:
Abbots Farm Infant School, Abbots Way, Rugby CV21 4AP or head2410@welearn365.com

The school has appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO) through Warwickshire County Council.

What is a Privacy Notice?

A Privacy Notice sets out to individuals how we use any personal information that we hold about them. We are required to publish this information by data protection legislation. This Privacy Notice explains how we process (collect, store, use and share) personal information about prospective employees.

What is Personal Information?

Personal information relates to a living individual who can be identified from that information. Identification can be by the information alone or in conjunction with any other information in the data controller's possession or likely to come into such possession.

'Special category' personal information reveals racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation.

What personal information do we process about prospective employees?

Our lawful basis for processing includes legal obligation, public task and taking steps prior to entering into a contract.

This processing supports our statutory duty to ensure safer recruitment and safeguarding of children.

We may collect, hold, share and otherwise use the following information about you during your application process. Up to and including shortlisting stage:

- your name and contact details (i.e. address, home and mobile phone numbers, email address);
- details of your qualifications, training, experience, duties, employment history (including job titles, salary, relevant dates and working hours), details of driving licence (if relevant for role), membership of professional bodies and interests;
- your racial or ethnic origin, sex and sexual orientation, religious or similar beliefs;
- information regarding your criminal record;
- details of your referees;
- whether you are related to any member of our workforce; and
- details of any support or assistance you may need to assist you at the interview because of a disability.

Following shortlisting stage, and prior to making a final decision:

- information about your previous academic and/or employment history, including details of any conduct, grievance or performance issues, appraisals, time and attendance, from references obtained about you from previous employers and/or education providers;*
- confirmation of your academic and professional qualifications (including seeing a copy of certificates);*
- information via the DBS process, regarding your criminal record, in criminal records certificates (CRCs) and enhanced criminal records certificates (ECRCs), whether you are barred from working in regulated activity;*
- your nationality and immigration status and information from related documents, such as your passport or other identification and immigration information;*
- medical check to indicate fitness to work;*
- a copy of your driving licence (or other appropriate documentation as listed on the Home Office list);*
- if you are a teacher, we will check the National College of Teaching and Leadership ("NCTL") Teachers Services about your teacher status, whether you are subject to a prohibition from teaching order and any other relevant checks (for example Section 128 direction for management posts and EEA teacher sanctions);* and
- equal opportunities' monitoring data.

You are required (by law or in order to enter into your contract of employment) to provide the categories of information marked (*) above to us to enable us to verify your right to work and suitability for the position. Without providing us with this information, or if the information is not satisfactory, then we will not be able to proceed with any offer of employment.

If you are employed by us, the information we collect may be included on our Single Central Record. In this scenario, a further privacy notice in relation to data we collect, process, hold and share about you during your time with us, will be issued to you.

For what purposes do we use your information?

We process your personal data during the recruitment process in order to comply with legal obligations, carry out tasks in the public interest, and take steps with a view to entering into an employment contract with you. This includes:

- to assess your suitability for the role you are applying for
- to take steps to enter into a contract with you
- to check that you are eligible to work in the United Kingdom and are not prohibited from working with children
- to facilitate safer recruitment and fulfil our safeguarding responsibilities
- to monitor applications to ensure equality of opportunity and compliance with the Equality Act 2010
- to review and improve our recruitment and retention processes
- to inform the development of recruitment and staffing policies

Collecting information

Data relating to prospective employees is essential for the school's operational use. Whilst most of the information you provide us is mandatory, some of it is requested on a voluntary basis. To comply with the 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.

We collect your personal information via the following methods:

- Application forms
- Questionnaires
- References
- The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

Who might we share your information with?

We may share information gathered during your application process with the Local Authority, or professional advisors such as legal and HR advisors.

We share information about prospective employees with Ofsted to evidence the school's recruitment process and equality of opportunity, in accordance with the School Staffing (England) Regulations 2009 and the Equality Act 2010.

Any information we share with other parties is transferred securely and held by the other organisation in line with their data security policies.

What do we do with your information?

All personal information is held in a manner which is compliant with data protection legislation. Personal information is only processed for the purpose for which it was collected. The school monitors the personal information it processes and will only share personal information with a third party if it has a legal basis to do so (as set out above).

How long do we keep your information for?

We will hold information relating to your application only for as long as necessary. If you are successful then how long we need to hold on to any information will depend on type of information. For further detail, please see our Retention Policy.

If you are unsuccessful we will hold your personal data only for six months, after which time it will be securely deleted.

What are your rights with respect of your personal information?

You have specific rights to the processing of your data; these are the right to:

- Request access to the information we hold about you.
- Restrict our processing of your personal data, i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing.
- Object to direct marketing (including profiling) and processing for the purposes of scientific and/or historical research and statistics.
- Have your personal data rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete.
- Not be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a legal or similarly significant effect on you.
- Request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for the continued processing.

If you want to request access to the personal information we have about you, please contact the School Data Protection Officer at Warwickshire Legal Services via email at schooldpo@warwickshire.gov.uk or alternatively;

School Data Protection Officer
Warwickshire Legal Services
Warwickshire County Council
Shire Hall
Market Square
Warwick
CV34 4RL

****Please ensure you specify which school your request relates to.**

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

Data Protection Complaints

We are committed to handling your personal data in a way that is fair, transparent, and in accordance with the law. If you are unhappy with how we have handled your data, this process outlines how you can make a complaint.

How to Make a Complaint

If you have a concern about how your personal data has been handled, please contact our Data Protection Lead (DPL) or our Data Protection Officer (DPO). This gives us the opportunity to investigate and resolve the matter as quickly as possible.

There is no set format for making a data protection complaint. However, submitting your complaint in writing may help us to respond more promptly. Please direct your complaint to:

Mrs Lovejoy -School Data Protection Lead (DPL) email: head2410@welearn365.com

School Data Protection Officer (DPO): schooldpo@warwickshire.gov.uk

What to Expect from Us

We will acknowledge receipt of your complaint within 30 days. We will, without undue delay, take appropriate steps to respond to your complaint, including making appropriate enquiries.

Throughout the process, we will:

- Keep you informed of our progress.
- Request any additional information we may need from you in a timely and proportionate manner.
- Provide you with a clear and comprehensive outcome of our investigation.

If You Remain Unhappy

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, or if you feel we have not handled it appropriately, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO is the UK's independent regulator for data protection and information rights.

For more information about the ICO and their complaints process, you can visit their website at ico.org.uk.

Review

The content of this Privacy Notice will be reviewed July 2027.