Privacy notice for visitors

THAMESMEAD SCHOOL

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1. Introduction

Under UK data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how our school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about **visitors to our school.**

Our trust, Thamesmead School, Manygate Lane, TW17 9EE, Tel 01932 219400 is the 'data controller' for the purposes of UK data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Mrs Alison Garraway (see 'Contact us' below).

2. The personal data we hold

Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about you includes, but is not restricted to:

- Name
- Contact details
- Information relating to the visit, e.g. company or organisation name, arrival and departure, car number plate
- Information about your use of our information and communication systems, equipment and facilities (e.g. school computers)

We may also collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) information about you that falls into "special categories" of more sensitive personal data. This includes, but is not restricted to, information about:

- Information about any access arrangements that may be required
- Photographs for identification purposes
- CCTV images captured in school

We may also hold data about you that we have received from other organisations, including other schools and local authorities.

3. Why we use this data

We collect and use the data listed above to:

a) Identify you and keep you safe while on the school site

b) Keep pupils and staff safe

c) Maintain accurate records of visits to the school

d) Provide appropriate access arrangements

e) Make sure our information and communication systems, equipment and facilities (e.g. school computers) are used appropriately, legally and safely

f) Meet legal requirements placed upon us

We will only use your personal information for the purposes for which we have collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for any other reason and that reason is compatible with the original purposes. If we need to use your personal information for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

Please note that we may process your personal information without your knowledge or consent in compliance with the above rules where this is required or permitted by law.

3.1 Use of your personal data for marketing purposes

Where you have given us consent to do so, we may send you marketing information by email or text promoting school events, campaigns, charitable causes or services that may be of interest to you.

You can withdraw consent or 'opt out' of receiving these emails and/or texts at any time by contacting us (see 'Contact us' below).

3.2 Use of your personal data in automated decision making and profiling

We do not currently process any personal data through automated decision making or profiling. If this changes in the future, we will amend any relevant privacy notices in order to explain the processing to you, including your right to object to it.

3.3 Use of your personal data for filtering and monitoring purposes

While you're in our school, we may monitor your use of our information and communication systems, equipment and facilities (e.g. school computers). We do this so that we can:

- Comply with health and safety and other legal obligations
- Comply with our policies (e.g. child protection and safeguarding policy, IT acceptable use policy, online safety police) and our legal obligations
- Keep our network(s) and devices safe from unauthorised access, and prevent malicious software from harming our network(s)

4. Our lawful basis for using this data

Our lawful bases for processing your personal data for the purposes listed in section 3 above are as follows:

- For the purposes of (b), (c), (e), (f) in accordance with the 'public task' basis – we need to process data to fulfil our statutory function as a school as set out below
- For the purposes of (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) in accordance with the 'legal obligation' basis – we need to process data to meet our responsibilities under law as set out below
- For the purposes of (d) in accordance with the 'consent' basis – we will obtain consent from you to use your personal data
- For the purposes of (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) in accordance with the 'contract' basis – we need to process personal data to fulfil a contract with you or to help you enter into a contract with us

- For the purposes of (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) in accordance with the 'legitimate interests' basis – where there's a minimal privacy impact and we have a compelling reason

Relevant legislation or guidance for the above lawful bases on which processing your data including:

- Companies Act 2006
- Limitation Act 1980
- Education Act 1996 (as amended), 2002, 2011
- Provision of Services Regulations 2009
- Equalities Act 2010
- "Keeping children safe in education Statutory guidance for schools and colleges" (updated annually); "Working Together to Safeguard Children. A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children" July 2018

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 would go about withdrawing consent if you wish to do so.

4.1 Our basis for using special category data

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 UK data protection law:

- We have obtained your explicit consent to use your 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 your life or someone else's life), in situations where you're physically or legally incapable of giving consent
- The data concerned has already been made manifestly public by you
- 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 UK data protection law. Conditions include:

- We have obtained your consent to use it in a specific way
- We need to protect an individual's vital interests (i.e. protect your life or someone else's life), in situations where you're physically or legally incapable of giving consent
- The data concerned has already been made manifestly public by you
- 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

5. Collecting this data

We will only collect and use your personal information when the law allows us to, as detailed above in section 4 of this notice. While the majority of information we collect about you is mandatory, there is some information that can be provided voluntarily.

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.

Most of the data we hold about you will come from you, but we may also hold data about you from:

- Employers, agencies or other organisations
- Local authorities
- Government departments or agencies
- Police forces, courts, tribunals
- Other schools or trusts

6. How we store this data

We keep personal information about you while you visit at our school. We may also keep it beyond your work at our school if this is necessary to comply with our legal obligations or to meet our regulatory requirements. Our School Record Management Policy and Record Management Guidelines set out how long we keep information about visitors.

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal information from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed.

We will dispose of your personal data securely when we no longer have a legal requirement to retain it.

7. Who we share data with

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

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

- Our local authority Surrey County Council– to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns
- Government departments or agencies – to meet the statutory requirements to share certain information
- The Department for Education – to meet statutory requirement or legal obligations to share certain information
- Our auditors – in order to meet our legal obligations for both our internal and external inspections
- Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for such as Innovate for catering, Tucasi for school cash office services and InVentry a visitor management system
- Survey and research organisations – where there is a minimal privacy impact that meets the legitimate interest for improvement
- Health authorities – to meet our legal obligations and vital interests to share certain information with them, such as safeguarding and health concerns

- Security organisations – to meet our legal and or public task to share certain information
- Health and social welfare organisations – to meet both our legal obligations and vital interests to share certain information with them, such as safeguarding and health concerns
- Professional advisers and consultants – to meet legitimate interests or to enable them to provide the service for which they have been contracted
- Charities and voluntary organisations – to meet legitimate interests or to enable them to provide the service for which they have been contracted
- Police forces, courts, tribunals

7.1 Transferring data internationally

Where we transfer your personal data to a third-party country or territory, we will do so in accordance with UK data protection law.

In cases where we have to set up safeguarding arrangements to complete this transfer, you can get a copy of these arrangements by contacting us.

8. Your rights

8.1 How to access personal information that we hold about you

You have a right to make a 'subject access request' to gain access to personal information that we hold about you.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you, we will (subject to any exemptions that may apply):

- 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 the 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 us (see 'Contact us' below).

8.2 Your other rights regarding your data

Under UK data protection law, you have certain rights regarding how your personal data is used and kept safe. For example, you have the right to:

- Object to our use of your personal data where it is likely to cause, or is causing damage or distress
- Prevent your data being used to send direct marketing
- Object to and challenge the use of your personal data for decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected

- In certain circumstances, have the personal data we hold about you deleted or destroyed, or restrict its processing
- Withdraw your consent, where you previously provided it for the collection, processing and transfer of your personal data for a specific purpose
- In certain circumstances, be notified of a data breach
- Make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office
- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations

We may refuse your information rights request for legitimate reasons, which depend on why we are processing it. Some rights may not apply in these circumstances:

Your right to have all personal data deleted or destroyed doesn't apply when the lawful basis for processing is legal obligation or public task

Your right to receive a copy of the personal data, or have your personal data transmitted to another controller, does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is legal obligation, vital interests, public task or legitimate interests

Right to object to use of your private data doesn't apply when the lawful basis for processing is contract, legal obligation or vital interests. And if the lawful basis is consent, you don't have the right to object, but you do have the right to withdraw consent

To exercise any of these rights, please contact us (see 'Contact us' below).

9. 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. You can make a complaint to us at any time by contacting Mrs Alison Garraway, Data Protection Officer dpo@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

- Report a concern online at https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/
- Call 0303 123 1113
- Or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

10. Contact us

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact our **data protection officer**: Alison Garraway, Data Protection Officer dop@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk