



GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation Policy

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Introduction

Oak Lodge School is committed to protecting and respecting the privacy of personal data in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. This policy outlines the way in which Oak Lodge School collects, uses, processes and stores personal data and the rights of individuals regarding their data.

Scope

This GDPR policy applies to everyone including all current, past and prospective pupils, parents, guardians, employees, contractors and volunteers whose personal data is collected, processed or stored by Oak Lodge School. All staff working within the School must be compliant with the GDPR policies and always abide by the Data Protection Act. Within this document you will find the outlines and descriptions of the varying processes and procedures that require adhering to.



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Personal Information

Personal information is information that the School holds about you and which identifies you. This includes information such as your date of birth and address as well as things like ethnicity and National insurance details. CCTV, photos and video recordings of you are also personal information. We collect this information for employment purposes to assist in the running of the school, to enable individuals to be paid and to let others know what we do here.

School Workforce Census – Data Collection

All the personal data collected by staff and pupils is held in our data systems and is secure and safe. We will not share information about you with third parties without your consent unless the law allows us. We are required by law, to pass on some of this personal data to the local authority and the Department for Education (DfE). The data shared with the DfE is for the Annual School Workforce Census. This is in place to enable development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed and inform the development of recruitment and retention policies. It also monitors financial modelling, ethnicity and disability monitoring.





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The Guiding Principles of GDPR

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| Lawfulness, Transparency & Fairness: | Accurately and lawfully processing data with a clear and plain language. |
| Purpose Limitation: | Having permission and a legitimate purpose to be processing any data |
| Data Minimisation: | The set guidelines per organization as to how long the data is held for. |
| Accuracy: | Recording all data according to what has been provided as accurate as possible to avoid any further implications of wrongful use. If the data is inaccurate it will need to be rectified or erased without delay. |
| Storage Limitation: | Personal data is securely stored ensuring no loss or unauthorized use. |
| Confidentiality & Integrity: | Ensuring that all data is appropriately and securely stored and protected at all times. |



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Definitions

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| Personal Data: | Any information relating to the identity of an individual is considered personal data. |
| What Constitutes Personal Data: | Home address, email address, date of birth, bank details, medical information and sexuality. |
| Processing: | Any operation performed on personal data including collection, storage, use, disclosure and deletion. |
| Data Subject: | An Individual and their personal data. |
| Data Controller: | The entity that determines the purposes and means of processing personal data. |
| Data Processor: | The entity that processes personal data on behalf of the Data Controller. |



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Data Collection

Oak Lodge School collects and processes personal data for the following purposes:

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| Educational Purposes | To provide education and related services. |
| Administrative Purposes | To manage Oak Lodge's operations including admissions, attendance and assessment. |
| Communication: | To communicate with pupils, parents & guardians about school activities and any events updates. |
| Safety & Welfare: | To ensure the safety and well-being of pupils and staff. |
| Legal Obligations: | To comply with statutory and regulatory requirements |



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Types of Data Collected

Types of personal data collected by Oak Lodge School may include the following:

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| Pupils | Full name, date of birth, contact details, health information, school records which include attendance data & behaviour. |
| Parents & Guardians | Full name, contact details, relationship to the pupil and payment information. |
| Staff & Contractors | Full name, contact details, employment records, payment & salary information, qualifications and background checks. |



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Legal Basis Processing

Oak Lodge School processes personal data based on one or more of the following legal bases:

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| Consent: | Where explicit consent has been obtained from the data subject. |
| Contractual Necessity: | Where processing is necessary for the performance of a contract. |
| Legal Obligation: | Where processing is required by law. |
| Legitimate Interests: | Where processing is necessary for the legitimate interests pursued by the school, provided these interests are not overridden by the data subjects' rights. |



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Data Sharing and Disclosure

Oak Lodge School will only share personal data with third parties when necessary and in accordance with GDPR. This may include:

Education Authorities For compliance with legal obligations.
& Regulatory Bodies:

Service Providers: For the provision of services such as MIS, IT support, payment processing and educational tools.

Examination Bodies: For the delivery of examinations and results certificates.

Health & Social Services: For safeguarding and welfare purposes.

Law Enforcement Agencies: Where require by law.

Special Category Personal Data

Oak Lodge School may need to share data in the event of an emergency, incident or accident. These may include details of an individual's medical condition being shared with medical services, the police or social services.



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Data Security

Oak Lodge School implements appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data against unauthorised access, loss, or destruction. These measures include:

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| Encryption: | Protecting data in transit and at rest |
| Access Controls: | Limiting access to personal data to authorised personnel only. |
| Data Minimisation: | Collecting only the data necessary for the specific use and purpose. |
| Security Measures Availability: | The data remains accessible and usable. For instance, if personal data is accidentally lost, altered or destroyed you will be able to recover it and prevent any harm or distress to the individuals involved. |
| Network Protection: | Protection from cyber-attacks or data breaches. |

Sending emails containing person data externally can be hazardous to any organisation if the bulk of the email is not encrypted or secure enough. The potential risk could result in hackers accessing the systems and the huge amounts of data passing through the systems potential resulting in a School Data breach. Hackers can capture any data that has not been password protected or encrypted.



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Data Retention

Oak Lodge School will retain personal data only for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes for which it was collected as required by law. Once the data is no longer needed, it will be securely deleted following the Oak Lodge School's data retention policy.

Data Subject Rights

Under GDPR, data subjects have the following rights regarding their personal data:

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| Right to Access: | To obtain a copy of their personal data held by the school. There is a charge for this service dependant on Page count. |
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| Subject Access Request (SAR) | |
| Right to Rectification: | To request correction of inaccurate or incomplete data. |

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| Right to Erasure: | To request deletion of their personal data where there is no legal basis for its retention. |
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| Right to Restrict Processing: | To request that processing their data is restricted in certain circumstances. |
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| Right to Data Portability: | To request the transfer of their data to another organization. |
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| Right to Object: | To object to the processing of their data in certain circumstances. |
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Data Subject Rights Contd.

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| Right to Withdraw Consent: | To withdraw consent at any time where processing is based on consent. |
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Data Breach Response

In the event of a data breach, Oak Lodge School will promptly assess the risk to data subjects and if necessary, notify the relevant supervisory authority the ICO and DPO within 72 hours. Where the breach is likely to result high risk data release of the rights and freedoms of individuals and the affected data subjects will also be informed. A data breach becomes an incident which requires a quick process to resolve it from escalating too much larger proportions.

Data Protection Officer (DPO)

Oak Lodge School has appointed a Data Protection Officer to oversee compliance with GDPR and to act as a first point of contact for data subjects should the school ever be impacted by data breaches or threats. The DPO has the overall accountability and responsibility for compliance to the Data Protection Procedures within the School and Local Authority.

Information Security

Information Security is sometimes considered as Cybersecurity. Both security measures look at the data held is a digital format or online and they do overlap. The GDPR and Data Protection act have worked extremely closely with the NCSC to work on an overall approach to the security principle to secure data from becoming accidentally or deliberately compromised. Information security also covers physical and organisational security measures where data is related.



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How to Keep Data Safe (Work & Personal)

All Data is sensitive information and needs to be treated responsibly by the individuals within an organisation and yourself otherwise the School could be liable of non-prevention of the rules and regulations of GDPR if any of these documents were to go missing, be lost, stolen or be involved in a Data Breach.

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| Secure Units | All Hard copies of documents containing sensitive pupil/staff data MUST be stored in a lockable cupboard or drawer. |
| Clear Desks | Do not keep any paperwork on your desk when unattended with visible staff/pupil data on show. |
| Lock Your Computer | When you leave your desk, you MUST at all times Lock your Computer Screen. |
| Digital Data | All digital data requires to be saved into the correct places such as SharePoint, Shared Drives or with Encryption. |



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Data Saved in Unauthorised Places – High Risk

Staff who create and edit database spreadsheets for work that save them onto desktops affect the School retention periods of Data and are a high risk as these would not be logged, due to this there would be no security around their presence.

Passwords

Never share your passwords with any other individuals whether it is regarding a work account or a personal account. Make all password complex and different for each account. Also never write them into a notebook or stick them to your computer. These need to be stored in a password protector app.



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Accounts

Compromised

In this Modern society we all have to be wary of issues like these. If you receive any notifications that your devices, emails or passwords have been compromised – it is vital that you change these passwords immediately to avoid your work/personal data being distributed on the Dark Web.

Two-factor authenticator (2FA)

Set these on various website access. A lot of organisations use these now as an added data security feature

Software/ Network

Keep all software up to date to protect you from viruses and hacking. Use only secure networks to work online.

Security Tools

Use security tools like firewalls, anti-virus software and VPNs

Be aware of Suspicious emails

Never click on suspicious links. Check the authenticity before responding to dubious emails.



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Traveling with Data

Back up your data in two places before you leave. Make sure your software is updated. Keep your devices with you at all times. Secure devices enabling 2-factor authenticator to block unauthorized access in a case of lost or stolen.

Legal Obligation

Where the School needs to use your information to comply with a legal obligation, for example to report a concern about a child's wellbeing to Children's Services, we may also have to disclose your information to third parties such as the courts, the local authority or the police where legally obliged to do so.



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Acronyms

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| GDPR | General Data Protection Regulation |
| DPO | Data Protection Officer |
| DDPO | Deputy Data Protection Officer |
| ICO | Information Commission Officer |
| CPD | Continuing Professional Development |
| FOI | Freedom of Information Log |
| Data Subject | The Individual & their data |
| NCSC | National Cyber Security Centre |
| Cybersecurity | The protection of your networks and information systems from attack |
| 2FA | Two-Factor Authenticator |
| DfE | Department for Education |
| CCTV | Close Circuit Television |
| SAR | Subject Access Request |



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GDPR & Data Protection Training

All staff must complete and pass the online CPD course via The Key Platform for GDPR. This ensures that all staff are aware of their own individual liberty and accountability across the school and within their own personal lives to keep their own personal data secure. These assessments are recorded against your HR records and will need to be taken every 2 years. <https://cpd.thekeysupport.com/statutory-elearning/data-protection-and-the-uk-gdpr-for-school-staff/> Further face to face training sessions have been scheduled mid-year for All Staff 2025/2026.

Additional Information

More information can be located on the Wandsworth Portal - <https://s4s.wandsworth.gov.uk/Page/14035>