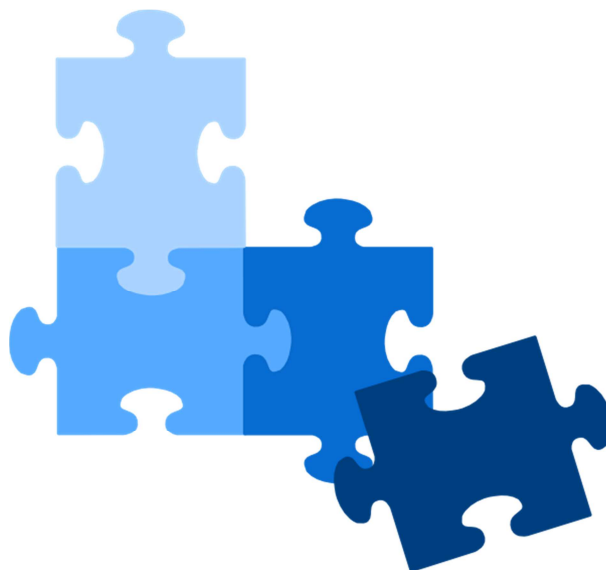


# Data protection policy and privacy notice

## JIGSAW LEARNING TRUST



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## 1. Aims

Our school aims to ensure that all data collected about staff, pupils, parents, visitors and volunteers is collected, stored and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

This policy applies to all data, regardless of whether it is in paper or electronic format.

## 2. Legislation and guidance

This policy meets the requirements of the [Data Protection Act 2018](#), and is based on [guidance published by the Information Commissioner's Office](#) and [model privacy notices published by the Department for Education](#).

It also takes into account the provisions of the [General Data Protection Regulation](#), new legislation which came into force in 2018.

In addition, this policy complies with regulation 5 of the [Education \(Pupil Information\) \(England\) Regulations 2005](#), which gives parents the right of access to their child's educational record.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

## 3. Definitions

Term	Definition
<b>Special Category data</b>	Data from which a person can be identified, including data that, when combined with other readily available information, leads to a person being identified, including IP addresses.
<b>Sensitive personal data</b>	Data such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Racial or ethnic origin</li><li>• Political opinions</li><li>• Religious beliefs, or beliefs of a similar nature</li><li>• Where a person is a member of a trade union</li><li>• Physical and mental health</li><li>• Sexual orientation</li><li>• Whether a person has committed, or is alleged to have committed, an offence</li><li>• Biometric and genetic data</li></ul>

<b>Processing</b>	Obtaining, recording or holding data
<b>Data subject</b>	The person whose personal data is held or processed
<b>Data controller</b>	A person or organisation that determines the purposes for which, and the manner in which, personal data is processed
<b>Data processor</b>	A person, other than an employee of the data controller, who processes the data on behalf of the data controller

## 4. The data controller

Our school processes personal information relating to pupils, staff and volunteers/visitors, and, therefore, is a data controller. Our school delegates the responsibility of data controller to the School Office Manager, Mrs Victoria Reed at the Fulwell Infant School Site and Mrs Wendy Gill, School Administrator at the Ouston Primary School Site.

Jigsaw Learning Trust is registered as a data controller with the Information Commissioner's Office and renews this registration annually.

## 5. Data protection principles

The Data Protection Act 2018 is based on the following data protection principles, or rules for good data handling:

- Data shall be processed fairly and lawfully
- Personal data shall be obtained only for one or more specified and lawful purposes
- Personal data shall be limited to only what is required for the purpose for which it is collected.
- Personal data shall be accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date
- Personal data shall not be kept for longer than is necessary for the purpose(s) for which it is processed
- Appropriate technical and organisational measures shall be taken against unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data, and against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal data

## 6. Roles and responsibilities

The governing board has overall responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Act 2018.

Day-to-day responsibilities rest with the headteacher, or the deputy headteacher in the headteacher's absence. The headteacher will ensure that all staff are aware of their data protection obligations, and oversee any queries related to the storing or processing of personal data.

Staff are responsible for ensuring that they collect and store any personal data in accordance with this policy. Staff must also inform the school of any changes to their personal data, such as a change of address.

In order to assist with the above obligations Jigsaw Learning Trust has appointed a Data Protection Officer to

- Inform and advise the school and its employees about their obligations to comply with the GDPR and other data protection laws.
- Monitor the school's compliance with the GDPR and other laws, including managing internal data protection activities, advising on data protection impact assessments, conducting internal audits, and providing the required training to staff members

The DPO reports to the highest level of management at the school, which is the Governing Body / Academy Trust

Our Data Protection Officer is provided by Sunderland City Council and can be contacted at the following address:

Data Protection Officer (for Schools)  
Sunderland City Council  
City Hall  
Plater Way  
Sunderland  
SR1 3AA  
Tel No: 07769 672633  
Email: data.protection@sunderland.gov.uk

## **7. Privacy/fair processing notice**

### **7.1 Pupils and parents**

Please refer to our website via this link:

[http://www.fulwellinfant.org.uk/downloadable/privacy/jlt\\_privacy\\_notice\\_parents.pdf](http://www.fulwellinfant.org.uk/downloadable/privacy/jlt_privacy_notice_parents.pdf)

### **7.2 Staff**

We process data relating to those we employ to work at, or otherwise engage to work at, our school. The purpose of processing this data is to assist in the running of the school, including to:

- Enable individuals to be paid
- Facilitate safe recruitment
- Support the effective performance management of staff
- Improve the management of workforce data across the sector
- Inform our recruitment and retention policies
- Allow better financial modelling and planning
- Enable ethnicity and disability monitoring
- Support the work of the School Teachers' Review Body

Staff personal data includes, but is not limited to, information such as:

- Contact details
- National Insurance numbers
- Salary information
- Qualifications
- Absence data
- Personal characteristics, including ethnic groups
- Medical information
- Outcomes of any disciplinary procedures

We will only retain the data we collect for as long as is necessary to satisfy the purpose for which it has been collected.

We will not share information about staff with third parties without consent unless the law allows us to.

We are required, by law, to pass certain information about staff to specified external bodies, such as our local authority and the Department for Education, so that they are able to meet their statutory obligations.

Any staff member wishing to see a copy of information about them that the school holds should contact the Data Protection Officer, Mrs Victoria Reed. (Fulwell Infant) or Mrs Wendy Gill (Ouston Primary School).

## 8. Data Subject Rights

Under the Data Protection Act 2018, pupils, parents, staff and volunteers have a right to request access to information the school holds about them. This is known as a subject access request.

Subject access requests must be submitted in writing, either by letter, email or fax. Requests should include:

- Pupil's Name
- A correspondence address
- A contact number and email address
- Details about the information requested

The school will not reveal the following information in response to subject access requests:

- Information that might cause serious harm to the physical or mental health of the pupil or another individual
- Information that would reveal that the child is at risk of abuse, where disclosure of that information would not be in the child's best interests
- Information contained in adoption and parental order records
- Certain information given to a court in proceedings concerning the child

Requests to access in accordance with the education (pupil information England) regulations 2005 for information that rolls outside these regulations, access will be provided in 30 days for all or part of the pupil's educational record will be provided within 15 school days.

The maximum charge that will apply is £10.00.

## **9. Parental requests to see the educational record**

Parents have the right of access to their child's educational record, free of charge, within 15 school days of a request.

Personal data about a child belongs to that child, and not the child's parents. This is the case even where a child is too young to understand the implications of subject access rights.

For a parent to make a subject access request, the child must either be unable to understand their rights and the implications of a subject access request, or have given their consent.

## **10. Storage of records**

- Paper-based records and portable electronic devices, such as laptops and hard drives, that contain personal information are kept under lock and key when not in use
- Papers containing confidential personal information should not be left on office and classroom desks, on staffroom tables or pinned to noticeboards where there is general access
- Where personal information needs to be taken off site (in paper or electronic form), staff must sign it in and out from the school office
- Passwords that are at least 8 characters long containing letters and numbers are used to access school computers, laptops and other electronic devices. Staff and pupils are reminded to change their passwords at regular intervals
- Encryption software is used to protect all portable devices and removable media, such as laptops and USB devices
- Staff, pupils or governors who store personal information on their personal devices are expected to follow the same security procedures for school-owned equipment

## **11. Disposal of records**

Personal information that is no longer needed, or has become inaccurate or out of date, is disposed of securely.

For example, we will shred or incinerate paper-based records, and override electronic files. We may also use an outside company to safely dispose of electronic records.

## **12. Training**

Our staff, governors and volunteers are provided with data protection training as part of their induction process.

Data protection will also form part of continuing professional development, where changes to legislation or the school's processes make it necessary.

## **13. The General Data Protection Regulation**

We acknowledge the changes in law to the rights of data subjects and adhere to the General Data Protection Regulation which came into force in May 2018.

## **14. Monitoring arrangements**

Mrs Wendy Angus is responsible for monitoring and reviewing this policy.

Mrs H Akien checks that the school complies with this policy by, among other things, reviewing school records termly.

This document will be reviewed **every 2 years**.

At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board.

## **15. Links with other policies**

This data protection policy and privacy notice is linked to the freedom of information publication scheme.