

Privacy Notice for Job Applicants

This privacy notice describes how we collect, store and use personal information about you during and after your relationship with us, in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

Following Brexit, Regulation (EU) 2016/679, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is retained EU law and known as UK GDPR. The UK GDPR sits alongside an amended version of the Data Protection Act 2018, which supplements it by setting out additional provisions on matters such as the processing of personal data in specific sectors, exemptions, the powers of the Information Commissioner, and enforcement. The Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 further amends both the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 to modernise UK data protection rules and clarify certain rights and obligations. The GDPR continues to apply within the EU and to organisations that process personal data of individuals located in the EU.

This privacy notice also covers the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems which may process personal data as part of educational and administrative functions. We are committed to transparently explaining how these technologies are used and the data they process.

Successful candidates should refer to our privacy notice for staff for information about how their personal data is stored and collected.

Who Collects this Information.

The 3-18 Education Trust (Trust) is a “data controller.” This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about you. We are required under data protection legislation to notify you of the information contained in this privacy notice.

This notice does not form part of any contract of employment or other contract to provide services and we may update this notice at any time.

It is important that you read this notice with any other policies mentioned within this privacy notice, so that you are aware of how and why we are processing your information, what your rights are under data protection legislation and the procedures we take to protect your personal data.

Data Protection Principles

We will comply with the data protection principles when gathering and using personal information, as set out in our data protection policy.

Categories of Information We Collect, Process, Hold and Share

We may collect, store and use the following categories of personal information about you up to the shortlisting stage of the recruitment process:

- Personal information and contact details such as name, title, addresses, date of birth, marital status, phone numbers and personal email addresses.
- Emergency contact information such as names, relationship, phone numbers and email addresses.

- Information collected during the recruitment process that we retain during your employment including proof of right to work in the UK, information entered on the application form, qualifications.
- Details of your employment history including job titles, salary and working hours.
- Information regarding your criminal record as required by law to enable you to work with children.
- Details of your referees and references.
- Details collected through any pre-employment checks including online searches for data.
- Your racial or ethnic origin, sex and sexual orientation, religious or similar beliefs.
- Data processed by AI systems, which may include information about IT usage, and automated administrative tasks

We may also collect information after the shortlisting and interview stage in order to make a final decision on where to recruit, including criminal record information, references, information regarding qualifications. We may also ask about details of any conduct, grievance or performance issues, appraisals, time and attendance from references provided by you.

How We Collect This Information

We may collect this information from you, your referees, your education provider, by searching online resources, from relevant professional bodies the Home Office, overseas bodies and from the DBS.

How We Use Your Information

We will only use your personal information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your information in the following circumstances:

- Where we need to take steps to enter into a contract with you.
- Where we need to comply with a legal obligation (such as health and safety legislation, under statutory codes of practice and employment protection legislation).
- Where it is needed in the public interest or for official purposes.
- Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests, rights and freedoms do not override those interests.
- Where you have provided your consent for us to process your personal data.

Generally, the purpose of us collecting your data is to enable us to facilitate safe recruitment and determine suitability for the role. We also collect data in order to carry out equal opportunities monitoring and to ensure appropriate access arrangements are put in place if required. Where appropriate, AI systems may be used to support some of these processing purposes.

If you fail to provide certain information when requested, we may not be able to take the steps to enter into a contract with you, or we may be prevented from complying with our legal obligations.

We will only use your personal information for the purposes for which we collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with the original purpose.

How We Use Particularly Sensitive Information

Sensitive personal information (as defined under the UK GDPR as “special category data”) require higher levels of protection and further justification for collecting, storing, and using this type of personal information. We may process this data where we have a lawful basis to do so and one of the following conditions applies:

- In limited circumstances, with your explicit written consent;
- To comply with legal obligations, such as safeguarding or equality requirements;
- For reasons of substantial public interest, in line with our Data Protection Policy (for example, for safeguarding or equality monitoring).
- Where necessary to establish, exercise, or defend legal claims;
- Where necessary to protect your vital interests (or those of another person) and you are unable to consent.

Criminal Convictions

We may only use information relating to criminal convictions where the law allows us to do so. This will usually be where it is necessary to carry out our legal obligations. We will only collect information about criminal convictions if it is appropriate given the nature of the role and where we are legally able to do so.

Where appropriate we will collect information about criminal convictions as part of the recruitment process or we may be notified of such information directly by you in the course of working for us.

Use of Artificial Intelligence

We employ AI technologies to support various educational and administrative functions. These technologies are designed to comply with data protection laws and are implemented with safeguards to protect your privacy. If you have any concerns about the use of AI in processing your data, please contact our Data Protection Officer

Sharing Data

We may need to share your data with third parties, including third party service providers where required by law, where it is necessary to administer the working relationship with you or where we have another legitimate interest in doing so. These include the following:

- Academic or regulatory bodies to validate qualifications/experience (for example the teaching agency).
- Referees.
- Other schools.
- DBS.
- Recruitment and supply agencies.
- Shropshire Council in order to meet our legal obligations for sharing data with it.
- Other schools within the Trust.

We may also need to share some of the above categories of personal information with other parties, such as HR consultants and professional advisers. Usually, information will be anonymised but this may not always be possible. The recipients of the information will be bound by confidentiality obligations. We may also be required to share some personal information with our regulators or as required to comply with the law.

Retention Periods

Except as otherwise permitted or required by applicable law or regulation, the Trust only retains personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes they collected it for, as required to satisfy any legal, accounting or reporting obligations, or as necessary to resolve disputes.

Once you are no longer a staff member at the Trust we will retain and securely destroy your personal information in accordance with our Records Management Policy.

Security

We have put in place measures to protect the security of your information (i.e. against it being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way). In addition, we limit access to your personal information to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know.

You can find further details of our security procedures within our Data Breach policy and our Information Security policy. These policies are available upon request.

Your Rights of Access, Correction, Erasure and Restriction

Under certain circumstances, by law you have the right to:

- Access your personal information (commonly known as a “subject access request”). This allows you to receive a copy of the personal information we hold about you and to check we are lawfully processing it. You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal information. However, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request for access is clearly unfounded or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with the request in such circumstances.
- Correction of the personal information we hold about you. This enables you to have any inaccurate information we hold about you corrected.
- Erasure of your personal information. You can ask us to delete or remove personal data if there is no good reason for us continuing to process it.
- Restriction of processing your personal information. You can ask us to suspend processing personal information about you in certain circumstances, for example, if you want us to establish its accuracy before processing it.
- To object to processing in certain circumstances (for example for direct marketing purposes).
- To transfer your personal information to another party.

If you want to exercise any of the above rights, please contact the Trust’s IT Director in writing.

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights).

Right to Withdraw Consent

In the limited circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please contact the Trust’s IT Director. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything within this privacy notice or have a concern about the way your personal data is collected or used, we request that you raise your concern with the Trust's IT Director in the first instance. We will acknowledge receipt of your complaint within 30 calendar days and will investigate and respond without undue delay. Further information about the way we handle data protection complaints can be found in our Data Protection Policy, available upon request

We have appointed a data protection officer (DPO) to oversee compliance with data protection and this privacy notice. If you have any questions about how we handle your personal information which cannot be resolved by the Trust's IT Director, then you can contact the DPO on the details below:

Data Protection Officer: Judicium Consulting Limited

Address: 5th Floor, 98 Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8WB

Email: dataservices@judicium.com

Web: www.judiciumeducation.co.uk

Lead Contact: Craig Stilwell

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office, the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues.

Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Call 0303 123 1113

Or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Changes to this Privacy Notice

We reserve the right to update this privacy notice at any time, and we will provide you with a new privacy notice when we make any substantial updates. We may also notify you in other ways from time to time about the processing of your personal information.