

The Rural Enterprise Academy



Data Protection Policy

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1. General

1.1 The Rural Enterprise Academy (the Academy) is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) as a "Data Controller" and its registration number is ZA218189.

1.2 The Academy will often handle and store information about an identifiable, living person and is therefore legally obliged to protect that information under the Data Protection Act. The Academy must:

- Fairly and lawfully process the data.
- Process for limited purposes.
- Process data that is adequate, relevant and not excessive.
- Ensure the data processed is accurate.
- Ensure the data is not kept longer than necessary.
- Ensure the data is in accordance with the data subject's rights.
- Secure the data.
- Not transfer data to other countries without adequate protection.

1.3 Definitions:

- **"processing"** means obtaining, recording or holding the information or data or carrying out any or set of operations on the information or data.
- **"data subject"** means an individual who is the subject of personal data or the person to whom the information relates.
- **"personal data"** means data, which relates to a living individual who can be identified. Addresses and telephone numbers are particularly vulnerable to abuse, but so can names and photographs be, if published in the press, internet or media.
- **"parent"** has the meaning given in the Education Act 1996, and includes any person having parental responsibility or care of a child.

2. Fair obtaining and processing

The Academy undertakes to obtain and process data fairly and lawfully by informing all data subjects of the reasons for data collection, the purposes for which data is held, the likely recipients of the data and the data subject's rights of access. Information about the use of personal data is printed on the appropriate collection form. If details are given verbally, the person collecting will explain the issues before obtaining the information.

3. Registered Purposes

The Data Protection Registration entries for the Academy are available for inspection, by appointment, at Reception. Explanation of any codes and categories entered is available from DPO who is the person nominated to deal with data protection issues in the Academy. Registered purposes covering the data are help on the ICO's (Information Commissioner's Office) website. Information held for these stated purposes will not be used for any other purpose without the data subject's consent.

4. Data Accuracy

Data held will be as accurate and up to date as is reasonably possible. If a data subject informs the Academy of a change of circumstance their record will be updated as soon as is practicable. A printout of their data record will be provided to data subjects every 12 months so they can check its accuracy and make any amendments.

5. Data adequacy and relevance

Data held about data subjects will be adequate, relevant and not excessive in relation to the purpose for which the data is being held. In order to ensure compliance within this principle, the Academy will check records regularly for missing, irrelevant or seemingly excessive information and may contact data subjects to verify items of data.

6. Length of time

Data held about data subjects will not be kept longer than necessary for the purposes registered. It is the duty of the Academy to ensure that obsolete data is properly erased.

7. Subject access

The Data Protection Act extends to all data subjects a right of access to their own personal data. In order to ensure that people receive only information about themselves it is essential that a formal system of requests is in place. Where a request for subject access is received from a pupil, the Academy's policy is as follows:-

- Requests from pupils will be processed as any subject access request as outlined below and the copy will be given directly to the pupil unless it is clear that the pupil does not understand the nature of the request.
- Requests from pupils who do not appear to understand the nature of the request will be referred to their parents.
- Requests from parents in respect of their own child will be processed as requests made on behalf of the data subject (child) and the copy will be sent in a sealed envelope to the requesting parent.

8. Processing subject access requests

- 8.1 Requests for access must be made in writing.
- 8.2 Pupils, parents or staff may ask for a Data Subject Access Form, available from Reception. Completed forms should be submitted to Sarah Walker, Business Manager. Provided there is sufficient information to process the request, an entry will be made in the Subject Access Register, showing the data of receipt, the data subject's name, the name and address of requester, the type of data required (eg pupil record, personnel record) and the planned date of supplying the information (normally not more than 40 days from the request date). Should more information be required to establish either the identity of the data subject, or the type of data requested, the date of entry in the log will be the date on which sufficient information has been provided.
- 8.3 In the case of any written request from a parent regarding their own child's record, access to the record will be provided within 15 school days in accordance with the current Education (Pupil Information) Regulations.

9. Authorised Disclosures

- 9.1 The Academy will, in general, only disclose data about individuals with their consent. However, there are circumstances under which the Academy's authorised officers may need to disclose data without explicit consent for that occasion. These circumstances are strictly limited to:-

Pupil data disclosed to authorised recipients related to education and administration necessary for the Academy to perform its statutory duties and obligations.

Pupil data disclosed to authorised recipients in respect of their child's health, safety and welfare.

Pupil data disclosed to parents in respect of their child's progress, achievements, attendance, attitude or general demeanour within or in the vicinity of the Academy.

Staff data disclosed to relevant authorities, eg in respect of payroll and administrative matters.

Only authorised and trained staff are allowed to make external disclosures of personal data.

Data will only be made available within the Academy where the person requesting the information is a professional legitimately working within the Academy who **needs to know** the information in order to do their work. The Academy will not disclose anything on a pupil's record which would be likely to cause serious harm to his/her

physical or mental health or that of anyone else – including anything that suggests that the pupil is, or have been, either the subject of or at risk of child abuse.

9.2 Definitions

- A **legal disclosure** is the release of personal information from the computer to someone who requires the information to do his or her job within or for the Academy, provided that the purpose of that information has been registered.
- An **illegal disclosure** is the release of information to someone who does not need it, or has no right to it, or one which falls outside the Academy's registered purposes.

10. Data and computer security

The Academy undertakes to ensure security of personal data by the following general methods:

- All staff within the Academy have agreed to the ICT Acceptable Use Policy which states they must disclose their password to anyone else.
- All computers that the Academy provides require users to authenticate with a username and password to gain access.
- The Academy provides a "guest wireless" which provides visitors to a segregated part of the network which provides a means of access to the internet.
- The servers in which all personal data about data subjects is stored are controlled by card access which limits access to authorised personnel only.
- All computer administered by the Academy have up to date virus software installed.
- All personal data is protected by security groups which allows only those that require access to it.

11. CCTV

The Academy operates a 24 hour CCTV monitoring system which records and Archives for 7 days. Access to the system is restricted to authorised personnel only and is password protected.

12. Physical Security

Appropriate building security measures are in place, eg alarms, deadlocks and CCTV. Only authorised personnel are allowed into the computer room. Visitors to the Academy are required to sign in and out at Reception, to wear identification badges whilst at the Academy and are, where appropriate, accompanied.