

# Privacy Notice (How we use personal information on get information about schools - GIAS)

High Hesket Church of England School is committed to protecting the rights and privacy of individuals in accordance with its legal obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). High Hesket Church of England School is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office as a Data Controller Registration Number: Z6913437. High Hesket Church of England School is the data controller for governor information.

## The categories of governor information that we process include:

- personal identifiers, contacts and characteristics (such as name, date of birth, contact details and postcode)
- governance details (such as role, start and end dates and governor ID)

## Why we collect and use governor information

The personal data collected is essential, in order for the school to fulfil their official functions and meet legal requirements.

We collect and use governor information, for the following purposes:

- a) to meet the statutory duties placed upon us
- b) record attendance at meetings

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the legal basis/bases we rely on for processing personal information for general purposes are;

- We collect and use workforce information for general purposes under paragraph 9.1c and 9.2g of the General Data Protection Regulations policy (KSMAT/STAT/023) which complies with Articles 6 and 9 of the GDPR.
- for the purpose **a)** named above in accordance with the legal basis of **Legal Obligation**

9(2)(i) to improve public health e.g. we report contagious infections (COVID-19) to Local Authority Public Health, District Council Environmental Health Departments and Public Health England as required.

All maintained school governing bodies, under [section 538 of the Education Act 1996](#) have a legal duty to provide the governance information as detailed above.

## Collecting governor information

We collect personal information via data collection from Governors upon appointment.

Governor data is essential for the school's operational use. Whilst the majority of personal information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it may be requested on a voluntary

basis. In order to comply with GDPR, we will inform you at the point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this.

## Storing governor information

We hold data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule. For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please visit

[https://cdn.ymaws.com/irms.site-ym.com/resource/collection/8BCEF755-0353-4F66-9877-CCDA4BFEEAC4/2016\\_IRMS\\_Toolkit\\_for\\_Schools\\_v5\\_Master.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/irms.site-ym.com/resource/collection/8BCEF755-0353-4F66-9877-CCDA4BFEEAC4/2016_IRMS_Toolkit_for_Schools_v5_Master.pdf)

## Who we share governor information with

We routinely share this information with:

- our local authority (where applicable)
- the Department for Education (DfE)

## Why we share governor information

We do not share information about our governors with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

### Local authority

We are required to share information about our Governors with our local authority (LA) under The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013

### Department for Education

The Department for Education (DfE) collects personal data from educational settings and local authorities. We are required to share information about our governors with the Department for Education (DfE), under: [Section 538 of the Education Act 1996](#)

All data is entered manually on the GIAS system and held by DfE under a combination of software and hardware controls which meet the current [government security policy framework](#).

For more information, please see 'How Government uses your data' section.

## Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, you have the right to request access to information about you that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, contact the School Office.

Under certain circumstances you also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing
- object to decisions being taken by automated means

- in certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and
- a right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we ask that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

The Local Authority is the school's Data Protection Officer, Cumbria County Council, Cumbria House, 117 Botchergate, Carlisle, CA1 1RD telephone 01228 606060

## Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact the School Office.

## How Government uses your data

The governor data that we lawfully share with the DfE via GIAS:

- will increase the transparency of governance arrangements
- will enable schools and the department to identify more quickly and accurately individuals who are involved in governance and who govern in more than one context
- allows the department to be able to uniquely identify an individual and in a small number of cases conduct checks to confirm their suitability for this important and influential role

## Data collection requirements

To find out more about the requirements placed on us by the Department for Education including the data that we share with them, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-database-of-governors>

**Note:** Some of these personal data items are not publically available and are encrypted within the GIAS system. Access is restricted to a small number of DfE staff who need to see it in order to fulfil their official duties. The information is for internal purposes only and not shared beyond the department, unless the law allows it.

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