Summerhill School

Privacy Notice (How we use information in the process of recruitment)

Summerhill School collects and processes personal data as part of our recruitment process.

Summerhill School will gather and use information relating to the candidate.

Information that Summerhill School hold in relation to individuals is known as their "personal data". We will process your personal data during your application process for the purpose of complying with legal obligations, carrying out tasks which are in the public interest, and taking steps with a view to entering into an employment contract with you. This includes:

- to assess your suitability for the role you are applying for;
- to take steps to enter into a contract with you;
- to check that you are eligible to work in the United Kingdom or that you are not prohibited from teaching; and
- so that we are able to monitor applications for posts in Summerhill School to ensure that we are fulfilling our obligations under the public sector equality duty under the Equality Act 2010.

This will include data that Summerhill School obtain from the candidate directly and data about the candidate obtained from other people and organisations. Summerhill School might also need to continue to hold an individual's personal data for a period of time after the recruitment process, even if unsuccessful.

Summerhill School is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses the data and to meeting its data protection obligations. This privacy notice will inform you about why Summerhill School collects and processes a range of information about you in respects of its recruitment process.

The categories of recruitment information that we collect, process, hold and share include:

Candidates

- personal information (such as name, address and contact details, employee or teacher number, details of your bank, national insurance number, information about your marital status, next of kin, dependants and emergency contacts)
- special categories of data including characteristics information (such as gender, age, ethnic group)
- contract information (such as start dates, terms and conditions of your employment,

hours worked, post, roles and salary information, information about entitlement to benefits such as pensions, information about your nationality and the entitlement to work in the UK)
- work absence information (such as number of absences and reasons)
- qualifications (such as skills, experience and employment history, where relevant, subjects taught)
- membership of professional bodies
- details of driving licence (if relevant to the role)
- Information about your criminal record.
- details of any disciplinary or grievance procedures in which you have been involved (such as any warnings issued to you and related correspondence)
- assessments of your performance (such as appraisals, performance reviews and ratings, performance improvement plans and related correspondence)
- information about medical or health conditions (such as whether or not you have a disability for which the organisation needs to make reasonable adjustments)
- whether you are related to any member of our workforce in Summerhill School
- details of any support or assistance you may need to assist you at the interview because of a disability.

Recruitment

- last application date
- action taken date
- application notes
- candidate current job details
- application URL
- candidate status history and dates
- reason for rejection
- outcome information related to interviews (including feedback and resulting recommendations)
- and other general candidate feedback.

Why we collect and use recruitment information

Summerhill School collects and processes personal data relating to its prospective employees to ensure the school's safeguarding and safer recruitment protocols are upheld.

Summerhill School process personal data to meet the requirements set out in UK employment and childcare law, including those in relation to the following:

- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- The Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2018
- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018

The information collected also:

- enables individuals to be paid
- informs the development of recruitment and retention policies
- provides an accurate and up-to-date employment record with contact details (including

details of who to contact in the event of an emergency)
- ensures that Summerhill School complies with duties in relation to individuals with disabilities, meeting its obligations under health and safety law, and ensuring that employees are receiving the pay or other benefits to which they are entitled.
- ensures effective general HR and business administration
- maintains and promotes equality in the workplace
- enables the development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed
- improves the management of workforce data across the sector
- allows better financial modelling and planning.

Some special categories of personal data, such as information about health or medical conditions, is processed to carry out employment law obligations (such as those in relation to employees with disabilities).

The lawful basis on which we process this information

We process this information under the following UK General Data Protection Articles:

6.1(b) Processing is necessary for a contract you have with the individual, or because they have asked you to take specific steps before entering into a contract.

6.1(c) Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject

For example: The Health and Safety at Work Act, Equality Act 2010, The Disability Discrimination Act.

6.1(e) Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.

For example: The Education Act requires the collection of workforce data for the purpose of Departmental Census. Working together to Safeguard Children Guidelines (DfE).

9.2 (b) Processing is necessary for the purposes of carrying out the obligations and exercising specific rights of the controller or of the data subject in the field of employment and social security and social protection law in so far as it is authorised by domestic law or a collective agreement pursuant to domestic law providing for appropriate safeguards for the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject.

Collecting recruitment information

Summerhill School collects personal information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be collected through application forms, CVs or resumes; obtained from your passport or other identity documents such as your driving licence; from forms completed by you at the start of employment; from correspondence with you; or through interviews, meetings or other assessment. These collection methods include paper copy application forms and online / website portals such as Tribepad.

In some cases, Summerhill School may collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers, information from employment background check providers, information from credit reference agencies and information

from criminal records checks permitted by law (such as Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)).

Will your personal data be sought from third parties?

Personal data is only sought from the data subject. No third parties will be contacted to obtain personal data pertaining to prospective members of staff without the data subject's consent.

Prospective staff members' personal data may be obtained and processed from third parties where the law requires the school to do so, e.g. medical records from a GP. The categories of data obtained and processed from third parties include:

- Medical Records
- References
- DBS – Criminal Records

Where data is obtained from third parties, the personal data originates from the following sources:

- Local GP - medical check to indicate fitness to work
- Disclosure and Barring Service – regarding your criminal record, in criminal records certificates (CRCs) and enhanced criminal records certificates (ECRCs), whether you are barred from working in regulated activity
- Previous Employers – including details of any conduct, grievance or performance issues, appraisals, time and attendance, from references obtained about you from previous employers and/or education providers
- Home Office – immigration status and information from related documents, such as your passport or other identification and immigration information
- National College of Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) – (if you are a teacher, Summerhill School will check the NCTL Teachers Services about your teacher status, whether you are subject to a prohibition from teaching order and any other relevant checks (for example Section 128 direction for management posts and EEA teacher sanctions)

Storing this information

We hold data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule.

If you are successful then how long we need to hold on to any information will depend on the type of information.

For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please refer to the school's data retention policy.

If you are unsuccessful, we will hold your personal data only for six months, after which time it is securely deleted.

Who we share this information with

You information may be shared internally, including with those people responsible for HR and recruitment (including payroll), senior staff who you report to or who have supervisory/management responsibilities for you and business support and IT staff if access to the data is necessary for performance of their roles.

If you are employed by Summerhill School, the information we collect may be included on our Single Central Record. In this scenario, the school's Privacy Notice (Workforce) in relation to data we collect, process, hold and share about you during your time with us, will be issued to you.

Summerhill School routinely shares this information with:

- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- Your HR

Why we share school workforce information

We do not share information about workforce members 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 workforce members with our local authority (LA) under section 5 of the Education (Supply of Information about the School Workforce) (England) Regulations 2007 and amendments.

Department for Education (DfE)

We are required to share information about our school employees with the Department for Education (DfE) under section 5 of the Education (Supply of Information about the School Workforce) (England) Regulations 2007 and amendments.

All data is transferred securely 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.

For privacy information on the data the Department for Education (DfE) collects and uses, please see: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/privacy-information-education-providers-workforce-including-teachers

Last updated

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. This version was last updated on November 2026.

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

YourIG Data Protection Officer Service
Dudley MBC
The Council House
Dudley
West Midlands
DY1 1HF

Email: YourIGDPOService@dudley.gov.uk

Tel: 01384 815026

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
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations

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/

Data Use and Access Act 2025 (DUAA)

Under the Data Use and Access Act 2025 (DUAA), schools are required to provide electronic complaints form for individuals who wish to raise concerns about how their personal data is handled.

If you have a complaint, please complete the DUAA Complaints Form by clicking on this link **DUAA Complaints Form**

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:

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The Council House
Dudley
West Midlands
DY1 1HF

Email: YourIGDPOService@dudley.gov.uk

Tel: 01384 815607

How to find out what personal information DfE hold about you

Under the terms of the UK Data Protection Act 2018, you're entitled to ask the Department:

- if they are processing your personal data
- for a description of the data they hold about you
- the reasons they're holding it and any recipient it may be disclosed to
- for a copy of your personal data and any details of its source

If you want to see the personal data held about you by the Department, you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department's personal information charter that is published at the address below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter

To contact the department: https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe