

PRIVACY NOTICE

RECRUITMENT

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Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how The Redhill Academy Trust uses any personal data we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing ‘privacy notices’ (sometimes called ‘fair processing notices’) to individuals where we are processing their personal data. This privacy notice explains how we collect, use, and store the data relating to individuals who apply for a vacant position within the Redhill Academy Trust.

For the avoidance of doubt, where the word ‘Trust’ is used, this also refers to individual academies within it.

We, The Redhill Academy Trust, whose registered address is Redhill Road, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 8GX, telephone (0115) 9261481, are the ‘data controller/processor’ for the purposes of data protection law. The Data Protection Officer is Linda Hayes, who can be contacted via DPO@theredhillacademytrust.org.uk or on 07831280405.

However, the Academy Operations Manager acts as the Data Protection Lead in their particular academy and has day-to-day responsibility for data protection issues.

Successful candidates should refer to the privacy notice for workforce published on the Trust and individual Academy website for information about how their personal data is collected, stored and used.

The personal data we hold

We process data relating to those applying to work within the Trust. Personal data that we may collect, use, store, and share (when appropriate) about applicants includes, but is not restricted to:

- contact details
- copies of right to work documentation
- national Insurance number
- references
- evidence of qualifications
- employment records, including work history, job titles, training records and professional memberships
- education history
- notes taken during the selection process.

We may also collect, use, store, and share (when appropriate) information about criminal convictions and offences, and hold data about you that we have received from other organisations, including other schools and social services, and the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of criminal offence data.

We may also collect, store, and use information about you that falls into “special categories” of more sensitive personal data. This includes information about (where applicable):

- information about race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and political opinions
- information about disability and access requirements
- photographs and CCTV images captured in school

Will personal data be sought from third parties?

Personal data is only initially 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 employees' personal data may be obtained and processed from third parties where the law requires the Trust to do so e.g., medical records from a GP. The categories of data obtained and processed from third parties may include:

- medical records
- references
- DBS – Criminal Records.

Third parties who may be contacted for this personal data may include:

- local GP
- Disclosure and Barring Service
- previous and current employers
- National College of Teaching.

Why we use this data

The purpose of processing this data is to aid the recruitment process by:

- enabling the Trust to establish relevant experience and qualifications
- facilitating safe recruitment, as part of our safeguarding obligations towards students / learners
- enabling equality monitoring
- ensuring that appropriate access arrangements can be provided for candidates that require them.

Our lawful basis for using this data

We only collect and use personal information about applicants when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we use it where we need to:

- comply with a legal obligation
- carry out a task in the public interest.

Less commonly, we may also use personal information about you where:

- you have given us consent to use it in a certain way
- we need to protect your vital interests (or someone else's interests)
- we have legitimate interests in processing the data – for example, where we satisfy the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Where you have provided us with consent to use your data, you may withdraw this consent at any time. We will make this clear when requesting your consent and explain how you go about withdrawing consent if you wish to do so.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using personal information about you overlap, and there may be several grounds which justify the school's use of your data.

For 'special category' data, we only collect and use it when we have both a lawful basis and 1 of the following conditions for processing, as set out in UK data protection law:

- we have obtained your explicit consent to use your personal data in a certain way
- we need to perform or exercise an obligation or right in relation to employment, social security or social protection law
- we need to protect an individual's vital interests (i.e. protect your life or someone else's life), in situations where you are physically or legally incapable of giving consent
- the data concerned has already been made manifestly public by you
- we need to process it for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims
- we need to process it for reasons of substantial public interest as defined in legislation
- we need to process it for health or social care purposes, and the processing is done by, or under the direction of, a health or social work professional or by any other person obliged to confidentiality under law
- we need to process it for public health reasons, and the processing is done by, or under the direction of a health professional or by any other person obliged to confidentiality under law
- we need to process it for archiving purposes, scientific or historical research purposes, or for statistical purposes, and the processing is in the public interest.

Collecting this information

While much of the information we collect from applicants is mandatory, there is some information that an applicant can choose whether or not to provide to us. Whenever we seek to collect information, we make it clear whether applicants must provide this information, or whether there is a choice.

Some potential consequences of not providing the required data may include:

- failure to provide the Trust with ample proof of a right to work in the UK will prevent employment at the Redhill Academy Trust
- failure to complete a DBS application will prevent employment at the Redhill Academy Trust
- employees found to be working illegally could face prosecution by law enforcement officers
- candidates unwilling to provide two suitable referees may be prevented from employment within the Redhill Academy Trust
- candidates applying for teaching posts, who are unable to provide a valid teacher number, or proof of QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) may be prevented from employment at the Redhill Academy Trust
- candidates unwilling to complete a medical questionnaire, could be, unwittingly,

- unsupported in the delivery of their duties
- candidates unwilling to disclose full employment history and time spent overseas in the last 10 years, may be prevented from employment at the Redhill Academy Trust
- candidates who are found to have not disclosed requested criminal convictions, may be prevented from employment within the Redhill Academy Trust.

Who has access to data?

Your information may be shared internally within the Trust for the purposes of the recruitment process. This includes members of the HR team and members of the interview panel involved in the recruitment process, along with managers within in department linked to each vacancy.

We do not share information about you with any third party without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary (and it complies with UK data protection law), we may share personal information about you with:

- our Local Authorities – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns
- suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for, such as |HR and recruitment support
- professional advisers and consultants
- employment and recruitment agencies.

How is your information shared?

The Redhill Academy Trust will not share an applicant's personal information with any third parties without their consent unless the law allows the Trust to do so.

The Trust is required, by law, to pass on some personal information to the Local Authority and the DfE (Department for Education). This information is required to allow the relevant pre-employment checks to take place. This information can be found on certain documents, for example, a passport.

Documents required for the purpose of pre-employment checks may include, but not be limited to:

- passport
- birth Certificate
- most recent bank statement
- a biometric residency permit

How long is your personal data retained?

Personal data is retained in line with the Redhill Academy Trust's Data Retention Policy.

Personal information may be retained for varying periods of time depending on the nature of the information. Data will only be retained for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes for which it was processed and will not be retained indefinitely if there is no reason for that to be.

Once an applicant's data has serviced its purpose, it will be disposed of in line with the procedure outlined in the Trust policy.

If further information is required regarding the retention of data, please access the Data Retention Policy published on the Trust and Academy websites.

Your rights

As the data subject, an applicant has specific rights. These include the right to:

- request access to the personal data which the Trust holds about you, known as a Subject Access Request
- request that your personal data is amended or erased
- request that the processing of your data is restricted
- request to obtain and reuse your personal data for your own purposes across different services
- refuse or withdraw consent
- prevent your data being used to send direct marketing
- object to and challenge the use of your personal data for decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than a person)

Where the processing of your data is based on your explicit consent, you have the right to withdraw this consent at any time. This will not affect any personal data that has been processed prior to consent being withdrawn. You can withdraw consent by contacting the Operations Manager at the Academy.

Complaints

We take any complaint about our collection and use of personal information very seriously. If you think that the collection or use of personal information is unfair, misleading, or inappropriate, or have any other concern about our data processing procedures, please raise this with us in the first instance by contacting the Trust Data Protection Officer.

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

- report a concern online at [Make a complaint | ICO](#)
- call 0303 123 1113
- or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

How can you find out more information?

If you require further information about how we store and use your personal data, please visit our website www.redhillacademytrust.org; the Gov.UK website or download our GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) Data Protection Policy and Records Management Policy.