University of Birmingham School

Privacy notice for job applicants

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that 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, store and use personal data about individuals who apply for jobs at our School. Successful candidates should refer to our privacy notice for staff for information about how their personal data is stored and collected.

We, University of Birmingham School, 12 Weoley Park Road, Birmingham, B29 6OU, are the ‘data controller’ for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Craig Stillwell (see ‘Contact us’ below).

The personal data we hold

We process data relating to those who apply for employment at the School. Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about you includes, but is not restricted to:

- 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, CV, qualifications;
- Details of your employment history including job titles, salary and working hours;
- Your racial or ethnic origin, sex and sexual orientation, religious or similar beliefs;
- Information regarding your criminal record as required by law to enable you to work with children;
- Details of your referees and references;
- CCTV footage;
- Data about your use of the school’s information and communications system.

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.

Why we use this data

The purpose of processing this data is to help us employ staff to run the school, including to:

- Facilitate safe recruitment, as part of our safeguarding obligations towards pupils
• Inform our recruitment and retention policies
• Allow better financial modelling and planning
• Enable ethnicity and disability monitoring
• Improve the management of workforce data across the sector
• Support the University’s Initial Teacher Education programmes

Our lawful basis for using this data

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 overrise those interests.

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.

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 (for example if incorrect references are provided), or we may be prevented from complying with our legal obligations (such as to determine suitability to work with children).

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. If we need to use your personal information for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

Collecting this information

While the majority of information we collect from you is mandatory, there is some information that you can choose whether or not to provide to us.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you, we make it clear whether you must provide this information (and if so, what the possible consequences are of not complying), or whether you have a choice.

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

How we store this data

We create and maintain an employment file for each candidate. The information contained in this file is kept secure and is only used for purposes directly relevant to your application.

Except as otherwise permitted or required by applicable law or regulation, the School 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.
How long we keep your information will depend on whether your application is successful and you become employed by us, the nature of the information concerned and the purposes for which it is processed. Full details on how long we keep personal data for is set out in our data retention policy.

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.

Third parties will only process your personal information on our instructions and where they have agreed to treat information confidentially and to keep it secure.

We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected data security breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a suspected breach where we are legally required to do so.

Data sharing

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

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

- Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns
- The Department for Education – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information
- Our regulator Ofsted – to meet our legal obligations
- Financial organisations – to enable us to meet our legal obligations regarding the school budget
- Central and local government – to meet our legal obligations
- Our auditors – to enable them to audit us, meeting our legal obligations around the use of the school budget
- Survey and research organisations – to enable us to listen to feedback and research and improve what we do
- Security organisations – to keep the school community safe
- Health and social welfare organisations – to ensure safeguarding of pupils and staff and look after staff welfare
- Professional advisers and consultants – to ensure the smooth running of the school
- Police forces, courts, tribunals – to meet our legal obligations, and, occasionally, to protect vital interests

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.

Transferring data internationally

Where we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

Your rights

How to access personal information we hold about you

Individuals have a right to make a 'subject access request' to gain access to personal information that the school holds about them.
If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you, we will:

- Give you a description of it
- Tell you why we are holding and processing it, and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with
- Let you know whether any automated decision-making is being applied to the data, and any consequences of this
- Give you a copy of the information in an intelligible form

You may also have the right for your personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances.

If you would like to make a request, please contact our data protection officer.

Your other rights regarding your data

Under data protection law, individuals have certain rights regarding how their personal data is used and kept safe. You have the right to:

- Object to the use of your personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- Prevent your data being used to send direct marketing
- Object to the use of your personal data for decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected, deleted or destroyed, or restrict processing
- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations

To exercise any of these rights, please contact our data protection officer.

Complaints

We take any complaints about our collection and use of personal information very seriously.

If you think that our collection or use of personal information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate, or have any other concern about our data processing, please raise this with us in the first instance.

To make a complaint, please contact our data protection officer.

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

- 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

Contact us

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact our data protection officer:

Data Protection Officer: Craig Stilwell
Company: Judicum Consulting Ltd