



# Bewdley Primary School

## UK GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) Policy 2024

### 1. Statement of intent

Bewdley Primary School is required to keep and process certain information about its staff, students, applicants, parents / carers and contractors in accordance with its legal obligations under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

Bewdley Primary School may, from time to time, be required to share personal information about its staff, students, applicants, parents / carers and contractors with other organisations, mainly the LA (Local Authority), other schools and educational bodies, and potentially social services and the police.

This policy is in place to ensure all staff and governors are aware of their responsibilities and outlines how the school complies with the following core principles of the UK GDPR. Organisational methods for keeping data secure are imperative, and Bewdley Primary School believes that it is good practice to keep clear practical policies, backed up by written procedures.

This policy complies with the requirements set out in the UK GDPR, which came into effect on 25 May 2018.

The School has appointed the following person as the DPO (Data Protection Officer): Anna Zollino-Biscotti, Information Governance Manager, City of Wolverhampton Council

### 2. Legal framework

This policy has due regard to legislation, including, but not limited to the following:

- The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)
- The Freedom of Information Act 2000
- The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005 (as amended in 2016)
- The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004
- The School Standards and Framework Act 1998

This policy will also have regard to the following guidance:

- Information Commissioner's Office (2017) 'Overview of the General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)'
- Information Commissioner's Office (2017) 'Preparing for the General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) 12 steps to take now'

This policy will be implemented in conjunction with the following other policies:

- E-safety Policy
- Freedom of Information Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- CCTV Policy
- Staff / Student AUP (Acceptable Use Policy)

### **3. Applicable data**

For the purpose of this policy, personal data refers to information that relates to an identifiable, living individual, including information such as an online identifier, such as an IP address. The UK GDPR applies to both automated personal data and to manual filing systems, where personal data is accessible according to specific criteria.

Sensitive personal data is referred to in the UK GDPR as 'special categories of personal data', which are broadly the same as those in the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998. These specifically include the processing of genetic data, biometric data and data concerning health matters.

### **4. Principles**

In accordance with the requirements outlined in the UK GDPR, personal data will be:

- Processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals.
- Collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall be considered compatible with the initial purposes
- Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed.
- Accurate and, where necessary, kept up-to-date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased or rectified without delay.
- Kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; personal data may be stored for longer periods, insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes

or statistical purposes, subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational measures required by the UK GDPR in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals.

- Processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

The UK GDPR also requires that “the controller shall be responsible for, and able to demonstrate, compliance with the principles”.

## **5. Accountability**

- Bewdley Primary School will implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to demonstrate that data is processed in line with the principles set out in the UK GDPR.
- Bewdley Primary School will provide comprehensive, clear and transparent privacy policies.
- Records of activities relating to higher risk processing will be maintained, such as the processing of special categories data or that in relation to criminal convictions and offences.
- Internal records of processing activities will include the following:
  - Name and details of the organisation
  - Purpose(s) of the processing
  - Description of the categories of individuals and personal data
  - Retention schedules
  - Categories of recipients of personal data
  - Description of technical and organisational security measures
  - Details of transfers to third parties, including documentation of the transfer mechanism safeguards in place

The School will implement measures that meet the principles of data protection by design and data protection by default, such as:

- Data minimisation.
- Transparency.
- Allowing individuals to monitor processing.
- Continuously creating and improving security features.

Data protection impact assessments will be used, where appropriate.

## **6. Data protection officer (DPO)**

The school has appointed a DPO in order to:

- Inform and advise the Leadership Team about their obligations to comply with the UK GDPR and other data protection laws.
- Monitor the School's compliance with the UK GDPR and other laws, including managing internal data protection activities, advising on data protection impact assessments, conducting internal audits, and providing the required training to staff members.

A Service level agreement is in place for the role of DPO. The individual appointed as DPO has professional experience and knowledge of data protection law, particularly that in relation to Schools. The DPO reports to the highest level of Leadership, which is the Senior Leadership Team. The DPO operates independently and will not be dismissed or penalised for performing their task. Sufficient resources will be provided to the DPO to enable them to meet their UK GDPR obligations.

## **7. Lawful processing**

The legal basis for processing data will be identified and documented prior to data being processed.

Under the UK GDPR, data will be lawfully processed under the following conditions:

- The consent of the data subject has been obtained.
- Processing is necessary for:
  - Compliance with a legal obligation.
  - The performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.
  - For the performance of a contract with the data subject or to take steps to enter into a contract.
  - Protecting the vital interests of a data subject or another person.
  - For the purposes of legitimate interests pursued by the controller or a third party, except where such interests are overridden by the interests, rights or freedoms of the data subject.

## **8. Consent**

- Bewdley Primary School will ensure that consent is explicit. The School will not use data if based on inferred silence, inactivity or automatic 'opt-in'.
- Consent will only be accepted where it is freely given, specific, informed and an unambiguous indication of the individual's wishes.
- Where consent is given, a record will be kept documenting how and when consent was given.

- The School ensures that consent is collected as required under UK GDPR. Where the standard of consent cannot be met, an alternative legal basis for processing the data must be found, or the processing must cease.
- Consent accepted under the DPA will be reviewed to ensure it meets the standards of the UK GDPR; however, acceptable consent obtained under the DPA will not be re-obtained.
- The consent of the parent will be sought prior to the student's thirteenth birthday for legal processing of the child's data, except where the processing is related to preventative or legal services offered or directly affecting the child. E.g. LAC (looked after child).

### **9. The right to be informed**

The privacy notice supplied to individuals in regards to the processing of their personal data will be written in clear, plain language which is concise, transparent, easily accessible and free of charge.

In relation to data obtained both directly from the data subject and not obtained directly from the data subject, the following information is provided within the privacy notice:

- The identity and contact details of the controller, and where applicable, the controller's representative and the DPO.
- The purpose of, and the legal basis for, processing the data.
- The legitimate interests of the controller or third party.
- Any recipient or categories of recipients of the personal data.
- The existence of the data subject's rights, including the right to:
  - Withdraw consent at any time.
  - Lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority.
- The existence of automated decision making, including profiling, how decisions are made, the significance of the process and the consequences.

### **10. The right of access**

- Individuals have the right to obtain confirmation that their data is being processed.
- Individuals have the right to submit a subject access request (SAR) to gain access to their personal data in order to verify the lawfulness of the processing.
- The School will verify the identity of the person making the request before any information is supplied.
- A copy of the information will be supplied to the individual free of charge; however, the School may impose a 'reasonable fee' to comply with requests for further copies of the same.
- Where a SAR has been made electronically, the information will be provided in a commonly used electronic format.

- Where a request is manifestly unfounded, excessive or repetitive, a reasonable fee will be charged.
- All fees will be based on the administrative cost of providing the information.
- All requests will be responded to without delay and at the latest, within one month of receipt. In the event of numerous or complex requests, the period of compliance will be extended by a further two months. The individual will be informed of this extension, and will receive an explanation of why the extension is necessary, within one month of the receipt of the request.
- Where a request is manifestly unfounded or excessive, the School holds the right to refuse to respond to the request. The individual will be informed of this decision and the reasoning behind it, as well as their right to complain to the supervisory authority and to a judicial remedy, within one month of the refusal
- In the event that a large quantity of information is being processed about an individual, the School will ask the individual to specify the information the request is in relation to.

### **11. The right to rectification**

Individuals are entitled to have any inaccurate or incomplete personal data rectified.

Where the personal data in question has been disclosed to third parties, the School will inform them of the rectification where possible.

Where appropriate, the School will inform the individual about the third parties that the data has been disclosed to.

Requests for rectification will be responded to within one month; this will be extended by two months where the request for rectification is complex.

Where no action is being taken in response to a request for rectification, the School will explain the reason for this to the individual, and will inform them of their right to complain to the supervisory authority and to a judicial remedy.

### **12. The right to removal**

Individuals hold the right to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing.

Individuals have the right to erasure in the following circumstances:

- Where the personal data is no longer necessary in relation to the purpose for which it was originally collected/processed
- When the individual withdraws their consent (if this is possible)
- When the individual objects to the processing and there is no overriding legitimate interest for continuing the processing
- The personal data was unlawfully processed
- The personal data is required to be erased in order to comply with a legal obligation
- The personal data is processed in relation to the offer of information society services to a child

The School has the right to refuse a request for erasure where the personal data is being processed for the following reasons:

- To exercise the right of freedom of expression and information
- To comply with a legal obligation for the performance of a public interest task or exercise of authority
- For public health purposes in the public interest
- For archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific research, historical research or statistical services
- The exercise or defence of legal claims

Where personal data has been disclosed to third parties, they will be informed about the erasure of the personal data, unless it is impossible or involves disproportionate effort to do so. Where personal data has been made public within an online environment, the School will inform other organisations who process the personal data to erase links to and copies of the personal data in question.

### **13. The right to restrict processing**

Individuals have the right to block or suppress the School processing of personal data. In the event that processing is restricted, the School will store the personal data, but not further process it, guaranteeing that just enough information about the individual has been retained to ensure that the restriction is respected in future.

The School will restrict the processing of personal data in the following circumstances:

- Where an individual contests the accuracy of the personal data, processing will be restricted until the School has verified the accuracy of the data
- Where an individual has objected to the processing and the School is considering whether their legitimate grounds override those of the individual
- Where processing is unlawful and the individual opposes erasure and requests restriction instead
- Where the School no longer needs the personal data but the individual requires the data to establish, exercise or defend a legal claim

If the personal data in question has been disclosed to third parties, the School will inform them about the restriction on the processing of the personal data, unless it is impossible or involves disproportionate effort to do so. The School will inform individuals when a restriction on processing has been lifted.

### **14. The right to data portability**

Individuals have the right to obtain and reuse their personal data for their own purposes across different services. Personal data can be easily moved, copied or transferred from one IT environment to another in a safe and secure manner, without hindrance to usability.

The right to data portability only applies in the following cases:

- To personal data that an individual has provided to a controller
- Where the processing is based on the individual's consent or for the performance of a contract
- When processing is carried out by automated means

Personal data will be provided in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable form. The School will provide the information free of charge. Where feasible, data will be transmitted directly to another organisation at the request of the individual.

Bewdley Primary School is not required to adopt or maintain processing systems which are technically compatible with other organisations.

In the event that the personal data concerns more than one individual, the School will consider whether providing the information would prejudice the rights of any other individual. The School will respond to any requests for portability within one month.

Where the request is complex, or a number of requests have been received, the timeframe can be extended by two months, ensuring that the individual is informed of the extension and the reasoning behind it within one month of the receipt of the request.

Where no action is being taken in response to a request, the School will, without delay and at the latest within one month, explain to the individual the reason for this and will inform them of their right to complain to the supervisory authority and to a judicial remedy.

## **15.The right to object**

The School will inform individuals of their right to object at the first point of communication, and this information will be outlined in the privacy notice and explicitly brought to the attention of the data subject, ensuring that it is presented clearly and separately from any other information.

### **Individuals have the right to object to the following:**

- Processing based on legitimate interests or the performance of a task in the public interest
- Direct marketing
- Processing for purposes of scientific or historical research and statistics.

### **Where personal data is processed for the performance of a legal task or legitimate interests:**

- An individual's grounds for objecting must relate to his or her particular situation
- The School will stop processing the individual's personal data unless the processing is for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims, or, where the School can

demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for the processing, which override the interests, rights and freedoms of the individual.

**Where personal data is processed for direct marketing purposes:**

- The School may from time to time send information to parents, students, staff or other stakeholders if the school believes this information to be pertinent or of interest. The individual can at any time refuse or opt-out of these communications. At no time will Bewdley Primary School use personal details for third party marketing, to sell or push a product.
- Bewdley Primary School accepts no liability, nor endorses any product, service or company for the purposes of marketing to parents, students, staff or other stakeholder.

**Where personal data is processed for research purposes**

- The individual must have grounds relating to their particular situation in order to exercise their right to object.
- Where the processing of personal data is necessary for the performance of a public interest task, the School is not required to comply with an objection to the processing of the data.

Where the processing activity is outlined above, but is carried out online, the School will offer an effective and robust breach detection. Investigation and internal reporting procedures are in place at the School, which facilitate decision-making in relation to whether the relevant supervisory authority or the public need to be notified.

**Within a breach notification, the following information will be outlined:**

- The nature of the personal data breach, including the categories and approximate number of individuals and records concerned
- The name and contact details of the DPO
- An explanation of the likely consequences of the personal data breach
- A description of the proposed measures to be taken to deal with the personal data breach
- Where appropriate, a description of the measures taken to mitigate any possible adverse effects.

**16. Privacy by design and privacy impact assessments/measures**

The School will act in accordance with the UK GDPR by adopting a privacy by design approach and implementing technical and organisational measures which demonstrate how the School has considered and integrated data protection into processing activities.

Data audits will be used to identify the most effective method of complying with the School's data protection obligations and meeting individuals' expectations of privacy.

Data audits will allow the School to identify and resolve problems at an early stage, thus reducing associated costs and preventing damage from being caused to Bewdley Primary

School's reputation which might otherwise occur. When using new technologies or when the processing is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals, or where high risk data processing is identified. The School will consult the ICO (Information Commissioners Office) to seek its opinion as to whether the processing operation complies with the UK GDPR

## **17. Data Breaches**

The term 'personal data breach' refers to a breach of security which has led to the destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data.

The Head Teacher will ensure that all staff members are made aware of, and understand, what constitutes as a data breach as part of their continuous development training.

Where a breach is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals, the relevant supervisory authority will be informed.

All notifiable breaches will be reported to the ICO authority within 72 hours of the School becoming aware of it. The risk of the breach having a detrimental effect on the individual, and the need to notify the relevant supervisory authority, will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. In the event that a breach is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of an individual, the School will notify those concerned directly.

- A 'high risk' breach means that the threshold for notifying the individual is higher than that for notifying the relevant supervisory authority.
- In the event that a breach is sufficiently serious, the public will be notified without undue delay.
- The School recognises failure to report a breach when required to do so will result in a fine, as well as a fine for the breach itself.

## **18. Data Security**

- Confidential paper records will be kept in a locked filing cabinet, drawer or safe, with restricted access.
- Confidential paper records will not be left unattended or in clear view anywhere with general access.
- Digital data is coded, encrypted or password-protected, both on a local hard drive and on a network drive that is regularly backed up off-site.
- Where data is saved on removable storage or a portable device, the device will be kept in a locked filing cabinet, drawer or safe when not in use.
- Memory sticks will not be used to hold personal information unless they are password-protected and fully encrypted.
- All electronic devices are password-protected to protect the information on the device in case of theft.
- Where possible, the School enables electronic devices to allow the remote blocking or deletion of data in case of theft.

- Staff and governors will not use their personal laptops or computers to store personal (student or staff) School related data on at any time. Unless the device is encrypted or school property.
- All necessary members of staff are provided with their own secure login and password, and every computer regularly prompts users to change their password.
- Emails containing sensitive or confidential information are password-protected if there are unsecure servers between the sender and the recipient.
- Circular emails to parents are sent blind carbon copy (bcc), so email addresses are not disclosed to other recipients.
- Where personal information that could be considered private or confidential is taken off the premises, either in electronic or paper format, staff will take extra care to follow the same procedures for security, e.g. keeping devices under lock and key.
- The person taking the information from the School premises accepts full responsibility for the security of the data.

**Before sharing data, all staff members will ensure:**

- They are allowed to share it.
- That adequate security is in place to protect it.
- The recipient has been outlined in a privacy notice.

Under no circumstances are visitors allowed access to confidential or personal information. Visitors to areas of the School containing sensitive information are supervised at all times. The physical security of the School's buildings and storage systems, and access to them, is reviewed on a termly basis. If an increased risk in vandalism/burglary/theft is identified, extra measures to secure data storage will be put in place.

- Bewdley Primary School takes its duties under the UK GDPR seriously and any unauthorised disclosure may result in disciplinary action.
- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is responsible for continuity and recovery measures are in place to ensure the security of protected data.

**19. Publication of Information**

Copies of information that Bewdley Primary School may publish can be found within the privacy notice found on the School website. Information that could be published include, but not exclusively:

- Policies and Procedure
- Annual Reports (to an individual / individual's parents)
- Termly Reports (to an individual / individual's parents)
- Social Media Stories
- News Stories on Website
- Publications within local or national newspapers

## **20. CCTV and photography**

The School understands that recording images of identifiable individuals constitutes as processing personal information, so it is done in line with data protection principles.

The School will always indicate its intentions for taking photographs of students and will retrieve permission before publishing them. If the School wishes to use images/video footage of student in a publication, such as the School website, prospectus, or recordings of school performances, written permission will be sought for the particular usage from the parent of the pupil. Images captured by individuals for recreational/personal purposes, and videos made by parents for family use, are exempt from the UK GDPR.

Bewdley Primary School accepts no liability or responsibility for images or video footage being recorded by a third party and then shared while on the premises. Bewdley Primary School will ensure everyone is aware of their responsibilities, but are not responsible for their actions forthwith.

## **21. Data Retention**

Data will not be kept for longer than is necessary. Data not required will be deleted as soon as practicable. Some educational records relating to former students or employees of the School may be kept for an extended period for legal reasons, but also to enable the provision of references or academic transcripts. Paper documents will be shredded or pulped, and electronic memories scrubbed clean or destroyed, once the data should no longer be retained. All data is retained for as long as is outlined within the School's Data Retention Policy.

## **22. DBS Data**

All data provided by the DBS (Disclosure Baring service) will be handled in line with data protection legislation; this includes electronic communication. Data provided by the DBS will never be duplicated. Any third parties who access DBS information will be made aware of the data protection legislation, as well as their responsibilities as a data handler.

## **23. Staff Appointment / Exit and Training**

Bewdley Primary School as part of its recruitment and exit interview process for employees ensure that staff are aware of their responsibilities. As part of staff induction, staff are made aware of their responsibilities under UK GDPR.

When a member of staff leaves employment at Bewdley Primary School, the School will ensure that no data relating to the school or an individual is removed with that member of

staff. Staff receive regular training as part of their continuous professional development around Data Protection issues, processes and procedures.

#### **24. Requesting Access to personal data**

Under General Data Protection Regulations, parents/carers and students have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, or to be given access to your educational record, email [office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk)