



Main Privacy Notice

This privacy notice explains what personal data we process, why, how we keep it secure and your rights. Plymouth CAST Multi Academy Trust is the data controller for the personal data set out in this privacy notice. Our Data Protection Registration Number is ZA022556.

How we get information

Most of the personal data we process is provided to us directly by you for one of the following reasons:

- You are a pupil
- You are a parent/carer registering your child at our school
- You are a visitor attending our school
- You are a volunteer or hold a governance role
- You have applied for a job or secondment with us
- You have made an information request, complaint or enquiry to us
- You are a visitor to our website

The collection of personal data is essential for the school's operational use. Whilst the majority of the information provided to us is mandatory, some of it is requested on a voluntary basis.

To comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (the UK GDPR), we will inform you at the point of data collection, whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this and we will tell you what you need to do if you do not want to share this information with us.

We may also receive personal information about you indirectly, for example:

- If you are a pupil, your previous school will send us your education file when you join our school.
- A parent/carer may give us your name and contact details in case we cannot contact them directly, or to make us aware that you are authorised to collect their child from school.
- An employee may give us your name and contact details as their 'emergency contact' or next of kin.
- Your name and contact details may be given to us by job applicants, volunteers or governors, as a referee to support their application.
- Public authorities, regulators or law enforcement bodies may give us information to assist them in their enquiries or to help safeguard children.

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Personal information we collect and why

We collect personal information about a range of people as part of the day-to-day running of our school.

Pupils

Description	Examples
Personal identifiers	<i>Name, date of birth, contact details, unique pupil number, candidate or examination numbers</i>
Characteristics	<i>Ethnicity, language, religious beliefs and free school meal eligibility.</i>
Safeguarding information	<i>Court orders, professional involvement, observations and outcome.</i>
Travel	<i>School travel arrangements.</i>
Health information	<i>Medical such as doctor's information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication, disability, dietary and other relevant health information (such as COVID19 data) and special educational needs.</i>
Education	<i>Educational performance, attainments, achievements, exam grades.</i>
Attendance	<i>Sessions attended, number of absences, absence reasons and any previous schools attended.</i>
Behavioural information	<i>Exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place.</i>
Faith and beliefs	<i>Religious or other beliefs.</i>
Images	<i>CCTV, photographs or video recordings of you or your work (such as official school photographs, classwork activities, performances or events, school trips and sports days), visitor management system.</i>
Consent	<i>Your consent preferences</i>
Biometric data	<i>Your fingerprints for our cashless catering or library services</i>

We need this information for a variety of reasons, for example to process your admission request to join our school and to help us build a picture of your educational, social and health needs, so we can support you and comply with our legal responsibilities for data collection and sharing with the Department for Education (DfE).

For more details see our [Pupil Privacy Notice](#) (a model document personalised by each school).

Parents and carers

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We collect the following information about you:

- Your name and contact details
- Relationship to your child/our pupil and your parental responsibility status
- Information about guardianship or family circumstances (eg court orders, parental separation/divorce, professional involvement or other matters which may affect the pupil's home or school life)
- Bank account details
- Your consent preferences
- Whether or not you are a serving member of the armed forces
- Your image captured on our CCTV system or on our electronic visitor management system

We need this information for a variety of reasons, for example to:

- Register your child at school
- Keep you informed of your child's attainment, achievements and attendance levels
- Contact you in an emergency
- Enable you to pay for school trips, resources or catering services online
- Safeguard and promote the welfare of your child or others and where relevant enable us to assist in crime prevention, detection and public safety
- Keep you informed about school news, events and celebrations

Emergency contacts for pupils

We collect the following information about you:

- Your name and contact details
- Your relationship to the pupil
- Special notes about collecting the pupil (e.g. password, regular days you are authorised to collect the child)
- Your image captured on our CCTV system or on our electronic visitor management system

We need this information to contact you following an incident or emergency involving one of our pupils, where we have been unable to contact their parents or to enable us to release the child into your care.

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Emergency contacts for employees

We collect the following information about you:

- Your name and contact details
- Relationship to the employee

We need this information to contact you following an incident or emergency involving one of our employees, where they are unable to contact you themselves (e.g. due to illness or injury).

Referees for job applicants, volunteers or governors

We collect the following information about you:

- Your name and contact details
- Relationship to the job applicant (eg current or previous employer), volunteer or governor
- Reference you provide about the applicant

We need this information to contact you to seek a reference about the applicant and to assess their suitability for the role.

Volunteers

We collect the following information about you:

- Your name and contact details
- Outcome of your Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and certificate number
- Relevant training or qualifications
- Dates when you have volunteered
- Health, disability or dietary requirements you have chosen to share with us
- Your image captured on our CCTV system or on our electronic visitor management system
- Photographs of you which may be captured during official school photos; class work; sports or other activities or performances

We need this information to keep in touch with you; to keep a record of any school events, trips and activities you are involved in and to safeguard the health and welfare of our volunteers, employees and pupils.

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Visitors to our school

We collect the following information about you:

- Your name and contact details
- Company you work for (where relevant)
- Your car registration number (if parked on our premises)
- Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Certificate number (where relevant)
- Your image captured on our CCTV system or on our electronic visitor management system

We need this information keep a register of who is on our premises, for use in case of a fire or other incident; to meet our statutory duties for safeguarding children and to create an identification badge for security purposes.

People who make a complaint, information request or enquiry

We collect the following information about you:

- Your name and contact details
- Details about your complaint, request or enquiry and the outcome

We need this information to address your complaint, request or enquiry and to keep a record of the outcome for our administration purposes, and to use in any further complaints, appeals or tribunals which you are involved in.

Job applicants

We collect the following information about you:

- Your name and contact details
- The position you are applying for
- Characteristics information (such as your gender, age and ethnic group)
- Your education, experience and qualifications
- Personal statement to support your application
- Your health, disability or dietary requirements you have chosen to share with us

We need this information to assess your suitability for the role; contact you if you are successful in your application; keep a record of our decision making and monitor and comply with our responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010.

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Temporary workers and agency staff

We collect the following information about you:

Description	Examples
Personal identifiers	<i>Name, contact details, car registration number.</i>
Characteristics	<i>Gender, age and ethnic group.</i>
Recruitment	<i>Qualifications, training, education, evidence of your right to work, references, Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate number and result.</i>
Contract information	<i>Start date, hours worked, post, roles, salary, bank/ payment details, pension and tax information.</i>
Health information	<i>Occupational health, disability, dietary and other relevant health information such as COVID19 data.</i>
Images	<i>CCTV, photographs, video recordings, visitor management system.</i>
Biometric data	<i>Your fingerprints for our cashless catering or library services</i>

We need this information to:

- Assess and recruit staff
- Maintain staff records
- Ensure staff and student security
- Provide cashless catering and payment services
- Provide library, ICT, learning and information services
- Safeguard and monitor the health and welfare of workers
- Meet statutory duties placed upon us for safeguarding children
- Monitor and comply with our responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010
- Complete the Department for Education (DfE) school workforce census
- Pay our workers and make the appropriate tax deductions and contributions

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Employees

We collect the following information about you:

Description	Examples
Personal identifiers	<i>Name, date of birth, employee or teacher number, national insurance number, car registration number</i>
Characteristics	<i>Gender, age and ethnic group.</i>
Recruitment	<i>Job application, qualifications, training, education, evidence of your right to work, references, Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate number and result.</i>
Contract information	<i>Start date, hours worked, post, roles, salary, bank/ payment details, pension and tax information.</i>
Personnel information	<i>Appraisal, performance, disciplinary, complaints.</i>
Health information	<i>Occupational health, disability, dietary and other relevant health information such as COVID19 data.</i>
Work absence	<i>Number of absences, reason for absence, fitness to work.</i>
Contacts	<i>Next of kin and emergency contacts.</i>
Faith, beliefs, trade union	<i>Religious or other beliefs and trade union membership.</i>
Images	<i>CCTV, photographs, video recordings, visitor management system.</i>
Consent	<i>Consent preferences.</i>
Biometric data	<i>Your fingerprints for our cashless catering or library services</i>

We need this information for a variety of reasons such as recruitment; to enable individuals to be paid; monitor and comply with our responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010; complete the Department for Education (DfE) school workforce census; and undertake our responsibilities for safeguarding children.

For more details see our [Employee Privacy Notice](#)

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Governance roles

We collect the following information about you:

Description	Examples
Personal identifiers	<i>Name, date of birth, contact details, governor ID.</i>
Characteristics	<i>Gender, age and ethnic group.</i>
Governance details	<i>Role, start and end dates, Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate number and result, personal statement when applying for the role, training or qualifications, attendance, complaints.</i>
Health information	<i>Disability, dietary and other relevant health information such as COVID19 data.</i>
Material interests	<i>Relationships between governors or relationships between governors and school staff (including spouses, partners and close relatives).</i>
Images	<i>CCTV, photographs, video recordings, visitor management system.</i>
Consent	<i>Consent preferences.</i>

We need this information to comply with our legal obligations and governance standards and build a comprehensive picture of our school governance and how it is deployed.

For more details see our [Governance Roles Privacy Notice](#)

Visitors to our website

When you visit our website, we collect standard internet log information and details about visitor behaviour patterns. We do this to find out things such as the number of visitors to the various parts of our website.

We collect this information in a way which does not identify anyone. We do not make any attempt to find out the identities of those visiting this website and will not associate any data gathered, with any personally identifying information from any source.

Information submitted through the online contact form on the Plymouth CAST website is processed via eSchools, and passed directly to the Plymouth CAST administration office. This data is held by eSchools for 30 days (or in the case of failed messages, 90 days) before deletion. Once passed to Plymouth CAST this data is held by Plymouth CAST and subject to our privacy policy.

For details about the Cookies we use, see our [Cookie Policy](#) .

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Who we share information with

We share information with a range of organisations, companies and agencies, where it is necessary for us to carry out our legal responsibilities and duties as a school. We only share information about you where it is **strictly necessary** for us to do so, and the law and our policies allow us to do this. The following are examples of who we share information with:

Department for Education	We have a legal requirement to share certain information about our pupils, employees and governors to the DfE (see individual privacy notices).
Local authority <i>School Admission & Safeguarding Teams</i>	We have a legal requirement to share certain information about our pupils, parents, employees and governors with our local authority (see individual privacy notices).
Health Partners <i>Educational psychologists, school nurses and health visitors</i>	We sometimes share information about our pupils with health professionals, to help the pupil receive the necessary educational and pastoral support they need. This is usually shared with the parent's consent (and if appropriate pupil's consent) unless it is necessary for us to carry out our official duties or safeguard the welfare of the child (see Pupil Privacy Notice).
Other schools	We are required to transfer our pupils' educational file to their next school when they leave us (see Pupil Privacy Notice). We are required to transfer certain information about our pupils to their next school prior to them starting (see Pupil Privacy Notice).
Standards and Testing Agency	We are required to share information about pupils in year 2 and in year 6 to the Standards and Testing Agency, so they can facilitate and report on our key stage 1 and key stage 2 national curriculum tests (commonly referred to as SATs) (see Pupil Privacy Notice).
Examination boards and moderators	We are required to share information about our pupils with examination boards and moderators, so they can enter those pupils into exams, mark their work and issue their grades (see Pupil Privacy Notice).
Youth support services and careers advisors	We are required to share certain information about our pupils aged 13-19 with our local authority and / or a provider of youth support services, so they can provide further education, advice and training to the pupil (see Pupil Privacy Notice).
Ofsted	We may be required to support an Ofsted inspection, where an inspector asks to see a sample of the school's records. These records could identify data subjects. Any identifiable personal information the inspector may see, will not be taken away or used in their reports.

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<p>Law enforcement</p>	<p>We may be required to share information about any person we hold information about, to the police or other law enforcement agencies, to assist them in an investigation or to prevent or detect a crime or safeguard individuals at risk.</p>
<p>Research programmes</p>	<p>We may be invited from time to time to take part in important local or national research programmes or initiatives, which are endorsed by the Department for Education. We will let you know if we need to share identifiable pupil data as part of these projects and you will be given the opportunity to opt out from your data or your child's data being used in this way.</p>
<p>Service providers</p>	<p>We use companies that provide us with a service to help us run effectively as a school. The services we often receive are IT support, payroll provision, professional advisors (eg human resources, legal advisors, insurers and auditors), learning or teaching resource providers, communication application providers, catering and transport.</p> <p>We also work alongside other organisations or individuals that provide services directly to our parents or pupils, such as the school photographer, organisers of extra-curricular clubs or activities or companies that run school trips or provide accommodation or transport and school transition support.</p> <p>To receive these services, we sometimes need to share personal information or use their products to store school data. We have contracts or agreements in place with our service providers to ensure that any personal data shared is protected and handled in line with the UK GDPR.</p> <p>The companies/individuals we use may change on a regular basis. If you would like information about any specific companies or individuals we work alongside or receive services from, please contact us at admin@plymouthcast.org.uk.</p>

Our legal basis for collecting, using and sharing information

The main legal bases we rely on when we process personal information are as follows:

It is necessary for us to perform a task which is in the public interest or to exercise our official duties as a school

This broad legal basis is applicable to almost all the processing we do involving personal data.

It is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation

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This is applicable where a specific law requires us to collect or share personal data (this usually involves pupil, employee or governor data). This will include sharing data with the Department for Education (DfE), Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) or HM Courts and Tribunal Service (e.g. following a court order).

It is necessary for the performance of a contract

This will mainly be applicable when we enter into a contract with our employees, parents (for paid services) or with our service providers.

The data subject has given their consent

Consent is not required for most of the processing we do, however, there are occasions when we ask for consent. For example, if we want to publish photographs or videos of pupils; collect pupil or employee fingerprints to provide them with access to our cashless catering or library systems; share data with other organisations or individuals where we are not legally required to share that data; send parents/carers electronic direct marketing or fundraising communications.

Where we are processing your data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or if you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting the school office.

The processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or someone else

This is applicable where a person's life could be at risk and we need to share or make available information to help them. This could involve sharing serious allergy information with staff, paramedics or other medical professionals, or other information requested by the police or social services to assist them in their enquiries to protect that person.

The processing is necessary for our legitimate interests as a school or the legitimate interests of a third party

This is applicable where the processing is not required by law but is of clear benefit to the school or the data subject; there is limited privacy impact on individuals and the individual reasonably expects us to use their data in this way. This legal basis is not relied upon where the school is processing the data to perform its official tasks.

When we process '**special category**' data, we must have another legal basis. Special category data is personal data which reveals *a person's racial or ethnic origin, political opinion, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, genetic data, biometric data (such as fingerprints), health, sex life or sexual orientation.*

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The main legal bases we rely on when we process this type of data is as follows:

The data subject has given explicit consent
This is usually applicable where we ask for health, dietary information or biometric data such as fingerprints.
The processing is necessary for performing any right or obligation which is imposed on the school in relation to employment, social security and social protection law (e.g. safeguarding individuals at risk; protection against unlawful acts; prevention against fraud)
This is usually applicable where we are performing our duties under employment related laws e.g. health and safety, equality or tax or where we have taken action to safeguard individuals at risk.
It is necessary to protect the vital interests of any person where the data subject is physically or legally incapable of giving consent
is could be relied upon in situations where someone has become seriously ill on our premises and we are asked by medical practitioners (such as paramedics), to share information we know about that person's health or allergies.
The processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims
We may share or use special category data where legal action is being considered or underway.
The processing is necessary in the substantial public interest
is may be relied upon in circumstances where our processing is necessary to safeguard children or others at risk or where we respond to requests from the Police or law enforcement bodies, to assist in an investigation to prevent or detect an unlawful act.
The processing is necessary for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee
This will be applicable where an employee has been absent from work due to illness or injury, and we need to assess whether they are fit to return to work.

This list is not exhaustive.

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How we protect your information

We take our security responsibilities seriously to protect your personal data from accidental or unlawful access, disclosure, loss, damage or destruction. For example:

- Access to our data is on a strict need to know basis
- Our electronic records are held on encrypted servers
- We have strict visitor management security procedures in place
- Our sensitive paper files are locked away with restricted access to the keys
- Our employees, volunteers and governors are subject to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and employee contracts contain confidentiality clauses
- We have policies, procedures and training around data protection, security, record disposal and confidentiality. Our Data Protection Policy is available [here](#).
- We use encrypted email or secure file sharing platforms to share personal data with external organisations
- We carry out due diligence checks on our service providers and Data Protection Impact Assessments, where required.
- We use up to date virus and malware protection software; security patches are applied promptly, and we back up our data regularly.

Storing personal data

The personal information we collect and store is essential for our school's operational use. We only keep personal information for as long as we need to, and where it is necessary to comply with any legal, contractual, accounting or reporting obligations. After this period, we delete or securely destroy personally identifiable data.

For more information about how long we keep personal data for see our [Record Retention Schedule](#).

Overseas transfers

We mainly store our data in the UK or the European Economic Area (EEA), however some of our service providers may store personal data outside these areas (usually in the USA). Where this is the case, we have a contract with these service providers which ensures they process our data securely and in line with our data protection laws.

We use the following service providers which process personal data outside the UK or EEA:

- Google
- Microsoft
- IXL
- Lloyds Bank PLC

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Your data protection rights

You have the following rights under the data protection laws:

The right to:

- Be told how your personal data is being processed (see our privacy notices).
- Request access to your personal data.
- Rectify personal data held about you which is inaccurate or incomplete.
- Have your data erased in certain circumstances.
- Restrict the processing of your information in certain circumstances.
- Object to your information being used for public interest or direct marketing purposes.
- Ask that your personal data is transferred from one organisation to another or given to you, in certain circumstances.
- Not be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a legal or similarly significant effect on you.
- Complain if you are not happy with the way your data has been handled, and to escalate this to the Information Commissioner if you remain dissatisfied.

To exercise these rights, please contact us by emailing admin@plymouthcast.org.uk. You are not usually required to pay a fee and can expect to receive a response within one calendar month. Further information about your data protection rights can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website at www.ico.org.uk

Feedback and complaints

We work to high standards when it comes to processing your personal information. We hope you will always be happy with the way we handle your information, however if we have not met your expectations, please let us know so we can put things right.

To do this, please email Plymouth CAST Multi Academy Trust at admin@plymouthcast.org.uk. If you would like to make a formal complaint, our complaints procedure is available [here](#).

Data Protection Officer

Our Data Protection Officer (DPO) is Amber Badley, an external consultant appointed under a service contract. If you have any queries about this privacy notice or any matter relating to the handling of your personal data, you can contact our DPO directly at DPO@firebirdltd.co.uk or by writing to the school at admin@plymouthcast.org.uk.

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Changes to this privacy notice

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 25th August 2022.