**The Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School**

**School Workforce Privacy Notice**

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**Commitment to equality:**

We are committed to providing a positive working environment which is free from prejudice and unlawful discrimination and any form of harassment, bullying or victimisation. We have developed a number of key policies to ensure that the principles of Catholic Social Teaching in relation to human dignity and dignity in work become embedded into every aspect of school life and these policies are reviewed regularly in this regard.

This Pupil and Parents Privacy Noticehas been drafted to be approved and adopted by the Governing Body on 6th November 2024 and will be reviewed in November 2025

Signed by Chair of Governors: Margaret Hodgson

Signed by Headteacher: Lorraine Connolly

1. **School Work Force Privacy Notice**

We, The Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School are a Data Controller for the purposes of the 2018 Data General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and previously the Data Protection Act of 1998.

Personal data is held by the school for those employed or otherwise engaged to work at the school or at the Local Authority. This is to assist in the smooth running of the school and/or enable individuals to be paid.

1. **How we use school workforce information**

The collection of this information will benefit both national and local users by:

• Improving the management of school workforce data across the sector;

• Enabling a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed

• Informing the development of recruitment and retention policies;

• Allowing better financial modelling and planning;

• Enabling ethnicity and disability monitoring

• Supporting the work of the School Teacher Review Body

• Support Staff Negotiating Body.

1 The categories of school workforce information that we collect, process, hold and share include:

• personal information (such as name, employee or teacher number, national insurance number);

• special categories of data including characteristics information such as gender, age, ethnic group;

• contract information (such as start dates, hours worked, post, roles and salary information) ;

• work absence information (such as number of absences and reasons)

• qualifications (and, where relevant, subjects taught).

2 Why we collect and use this information

We use school workforce data to:

• enable the development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed;

• inform the development of recruitment and retention policies;

• enable individuals to be paid.

**3 The lawful basis on which we process this information**

We process this information under the 2018 GDPR Articles

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

6 (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;

9 (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 Union or Member State law or a collective agreement pursuant to Member State law providing for appropriate safeguards for the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject;

1. **Collecting this information**

Whilst the majority of information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with GDPR legislation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain school workforce information to us or if you have a choice in this.

**5 Storing this information**

We hold school workforce data for seven years after the termination of employment.

1. Who we share this information with

We routinely share this information with:

• our local authority – Halton Borough Council.

• the Department for Education (DfE)

• Disclosure and Barring.

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679 EU) (GDPR), personal data relating to criminal convictions and offences can be processed only:

• under the control of official authority; or

• when it is authorised by law providing for appropriate safeguards for the rights and freedoms of data subjects.

1. 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 – Halton Borough Council

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 share personal data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins workforce policy monitoring, evaluation, and links to school funding / expenditure and the assessment educational attainment.

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

1. Data collection requirements

The DfE collects and processes personal data relating to those employed by schools (including Multi Academy Trusts) and local authorities that work in state funded schools (including all maintained schools, all academies and free schools and all special schools including Pupil Referral Units and Alternative Provision). All state funded schools are required to make a census submission because it is a statutory return under sections 113 and 114 of the Education Act 2005

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education including the data that we share with them, go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

The department may share information about school employees with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children or the effective deployment of school staff in England by:

* conducting research or analysis
* producing statistics
* providing information, advice or guidance

The department has robust processes in place to ensure that the confidentiality of personal data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access to it and its use. Decisions on whether DfE releases personal data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and based on a detailed assessment of:

* who is requesting the data
* the purpose for which it is required
* the level and sensitivity of data requested; and
* the arrangements in place to securely store and handle the data

To be granted access to school workforce information, organisations must comply with its strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information about the department’s data sharing process, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

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

1. **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 …………………………………. Address - Email ……

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/>

1. **Further information**

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

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