



Privacy Notice for Governors and Trustees

For all schools in the Bosco Catholic Education Trust

This Policy has been approved and adopted by the
Bosco Catholic Education Trust.

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Privacy Notice for Trustees and Governors

Under General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA), individuals have a right to be informed about how the Trust/Academy uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about governors/trustees working within the Trust in a voluntary capacity.

We, Bosco Catholic Education Trust, are the 'data controllers' for the purposes of GDPR.

Our data protection officer is Sheryl Cardwell. She can be contacted at dpo@shardbusinessservices.co.uk

The categories of trustee and governor information that we process include:

- personal identifiers, contacts and characteristics (such as name, date of birth, contact details and postcode)
- governance details (such as role, start and end dates and governor ID)
- addresses (for Companies House)
- references
- information about business and pecuniary interests
- disability and access requirements

Why we collect and use trustee and governor information

The personal data collected is essential, in order for the school to fulfil their official functions and meet legal requirements.

We collect and use trustee and governor information, for the following purposes:

- a) to meet the statutory duties placed upon us
- b) to inform Companies House of changes to the Trustees of Bosco Catholic Education Trust

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the legal bases we rely on for processing personal information for general purposes are:

Processing shall be lawful only if and to the extent that at least one of the following applies:

1. the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes;

2. processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract;
3. processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject;
4. processing is necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person;
5. 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;

Processing of personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation will only occur if:-

1. processing relates to personal data which are manifestly made public by the data subject;
2. processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or whenever courts are acting in their judicial capacity;
3. processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest, on the basis of Civil law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject;
4. for the purpose a) named above in accordance with the legal basis of Legal Obligation

All maintained school governing bodies, under [section 538 of the Education Act 1996](#) and academy trusts, under the [Academies Financial Handbook](#) have a legal duty to provide the governance information as detailed above.

In addition, concerning any special category data:

Processing of personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation will only occur if:-

- processing relates to personal data which are manifestly made public by the data subject;
- processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or whenever courts are acting in their judicial capacity;
- processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest, on the basis of Civil law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data

protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject;

Collecting trustee and governor information

We collect personal information via personal correspondence from yourself, pecuniary interest forms and statutory checks.

Trustee and governor data is essential for the school's operational use. Whilst the majority of personal information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it may be requested on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with GDPR, we will inform you at the point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing trustee and governor information

We hold data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule.

We maintain a file to store personal information about all volunteers. The information contained in this file is kept secure and is only used for purposes directly relevant to your work with the trust/academy.

When your relationship with the trust/academy has ended, we will retain and dispose of your personal information in accordance with our data protection policy

For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please visit www.boscocet.org.uk

Further details are provided on our website under policies:-

https://www.boscocet.org.uk/documents/Bosco_CET_Data_Protection_policy.pdf

Who we share trustee and governor information with

We routinely share this information with:

- our local authority (where applicable)
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- Companies House

Why we share trustee and governor information

We do not share information about our trustees/governors with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

The purpose of processing this data is to help us run the trust/academy to:

- Establish and maintain effective governance
- Meet statutory obligations for publishing and sharing governors'/trustees' details
- Facilitate safe recruitment, as part of our safeguarding obligations towards pupils

- Undertake equalities monitoring
- Ensure that appropriate access arrangements can be provided for volunteers who require them

Department for Education

The Department for Education (DfE) collects personal data from educational settings and local authorities.

We are required to share information about our governors with the Department for Education (DfE) under [section 538 of the Education Act 1996](#)

We are required to share information about our governors with the (DfE) under the requirements set out in the [Academies Financial Handbook](#)

All data is entered manually on the GIAS system and held by DfE under a combination of software and hardware controls which meet the current [government security policy framework](#).

For more information, please see 'How Government uses your data' section.

Data collection requirements

To find out more about the requirements placed on us by the Department for Education including the data that we share with them, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-database-of-governors>

Note: Some of these personal data items are not publicly available and are encrypted within the GIAS system. Access is restricted to a small number of DfE staff who need to see it in order to fulfil their official duties. The information is for internal purposes only and not shared beyond the department, unless the law allows it.

How to find out what personal information DfE hold about you

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018, you're entitled to ask the Department:

- if they are processing your personal data
- for a description of the data they hold about you
- the reasons they're holding it and any recipient it may be disclosed to
- for a copy of your personal data and any details of its source

If you want to see the personal data held about you by the Department, you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department's personal information charter that is published at the address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-informationcharter>

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

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 our data protection officer at dpo@shardbusinessservices.co.uk

You also have the right to:

- to ask us for access to information about you that we hold
- to have your personal data rectified, if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing
- to restrict our processing of your personal data (i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing)
- to object to direct marketing (including profiling) and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics
- not to be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a legal or similarly significant effect on you

If you have a concern or complaint about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, you should raise your concern with us in the first instance or directly to the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by DfE, please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

Withdrawal of consent and the right to lodge a complaint

Where we are processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting the clerk to the Trust Board/Governors, Louise Higham lhigham@sphcs.co.uk.

You can also complain to the ICO if you are unhappy with how we have used your data.

The ICO's address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Last updated

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact dpo@shardbusinessservices.co.uk

How Government uses your data

The trustee and governor data that we lawfully share with the DfE via GIAS:

- will increase the transparency of governance arrangements
- will enable schools and the department to identify more quickly and accurately individuals who are involved in governance and who govern in more than one context
- allows the department to be able to uniquely identify an individual and in a small number of cases conduct checks to confirm their suitability for this important and influential role