



CANFORD PRIVACY NOTICE

INTRODUCTION

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) (EU 2016/679) is effective from 25 May 2018 and will entirely replace the Data Protection Act 1998.

For the purposes of this document any reference to the "Canford Community", includes all current and former staff, volunteers, governors, pupils, parents, guardians, and any person with a connection to Canford.

The School, as the Data Controller, is required to process relevant personal data regarding any member of the Canford Community as part of its operation, and shall take all reasonable steps to do so in accordance with this Privacy Notice and the relevant legislation mentioned above. Processing may include obtaining, recording, holding, disclosing, destroying or otherwise using data.

The Principles

The School shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, comply with the Data Protection Principles ("the Principles") contained in the Data Protection Regulations to ensure all data is:

- Fairly and lawfully processed
- Processed for a lawful and specific purpose
- Adequate, relevant and not excessive
- Accurate and up to date
- Not kept for longer than necessary
- Processed in accordance with the data subject's rights
- Kept safe and secure
- Not transferred to outside the EEA without adequate protection

WHAT THIS POLICY IS FOR

This policy is intended to provide information about how the school will use (or "process") personal data about members of the Canford Community.

This information is provided in accordance with the rights of individuals under Data Protection Regulations to understand how their data is used. Members of the Canford Community are all

encouraged to read this Privacy Notice and understand the school's obligations to its entire community.

This **Privacy Notice** applies alongside any other information the school may provide about a particular use of personal data, for example when collecting data via an online or paper form.

This **Privacy Notice also** applies in addition to the school's other relevant terms and conditions and policies, including:

- any contract between the school and its staff or the parents of pupils;
- the school's policy on taking, storing and using images of children;
- the school's CCTV and/or biometrics policy;
- the school's retention of records policy;
- the school's safeguarding, pastoral, or health and safety policies, including as to how concerns or incidents are recorded; and
- the school's IT policies, including its Acceptable Use policy, eSafety policy, WiFi policy, Remote Working policy and Bring Your Own Device policy.

Anyone who works for, or acts on behalf of, the school (including staff, volunteers, governors and service providers) should also be aware of and comply with this Privacy Notice.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DATA PROTECTION

The Bursar is the senior person responsible for data protection issues and any queries and will deal with all your requests and enquiries concerning the school's use of your personal data (see section on Your Rights below) and endeavour to ensure that all personal data is processed in compliance with this policy and the Data Protection Regulations. For data protection queries, please email dataprotection@canford.com. The Bursar can be contacted by telephone: 01202 847551 or in writing to the Bursar, Canford School, Canford Magna, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3AD.

WHY THE SCHOOL NEEDS TO PROCESS PERSONAL DATA

In order to carry out its ordinary duties to members of the Canford Community, the school may process a wide range of personal data about individuals as part of its daily operation.

Some of this activity the school will need to carry out in order to fulfil its legal rights, duties or obligations – including those under a contract with its staff, or current and prospective parents of pupils.

Other uses of personal data will be made in accordance with the school's legitimate interests, or the legitimate interests of another, provided that these are not outweighed by the impact on individuals, and provided it does not involve special or sensitive types of data.

The school expects that the following uses may fall within that category of its (or its community's) **“legitimate interests”**:

- Candidate information
- For the purposes of pupil selection (and to confirm the identity of prospective pupils and their parents);
- To provide education services, including musical education, physical training or spiritual development, career services, and extra-curricular activities to pupils, and monitoring pupils' progress and educational needs;
- Maintaining relationships with alumni and the school community, including direct marketing or fundraising activity;
- For the purposes of donor due diligence, and to confirm the identity of prospective donors and their background in accordance with the Canford Ethical Fundraising and Gift Acceptance Policy.
- For the purposes of management planning and forecasting, research and statistical analysis, including that imposed or provided for by law (such as diversity or gender pay gap analysis and taxation records);
- To retain staff information for the purposes of managing their employment, providing and receiving information and references for current, past and future employees and for compliance with any safeguarding requirements.
- To enable relevant authorities to monitor the school's performance and to intervene or assist with incidents as appropriate;
- To give and receive information and references about past, current and prospective pupils, including details relating to outstanding fees or payment history, to/from any educational institution that the pupil attended or where it is proposed they attend; and to provide references to potential employers of past pupils;
- To enable pupils to take part in national or other assessments, and to publish the results of public examinations or other achievements of pupils of the school and of prospective pupils [we announce scholarship winners in the national press each year];
- To safeguard pupils' welfare and provide appropriate pastoral care;
- To monitor (as appropriate) use of the school's IT and communications systems in accordance with the school's acceptable use policy;
- To make use of names of pupils and photographic images of pupils in school publications, on the school website and (where appropriate) on the school's social media channels for publicity purposes in accordance with the school's policy on taking, storing and using images of children as detailed in the School Communications Policy and Acceptable Use Policy; no pupils will have their photograph published with their name without consent from the pupil in advance.
- For security purposes, including CCTV in accordance with the school's CCTV policy;
- Where otherwise reasonably necessary for the school's purposes, including to obtain appropriate professional advice and insurance for the school.
- To comply with the regulatory and legal obligations as a UKVI sponsor.

In addition, the school may need to process **special category personal data** (concerning health, ethnicity, religion, biometrics or sexual orientation) or criminal records information (such as when carrying out DBS checks) in accordance with rights or duties imposed on it by law, including as regards safeguarding and employment, or from time to time by explicit consent where required. These reasons may include:

- To safeguard pupils' welfare and provide appropriate pastoral (and where necessary, medical) care, and to take appropriate action in the event of an emergency, incident or accident, including by disclosing details of an individual's medical condition where it is in the individual's interests to do so: for example for medical advice, social services, insurance purposes or to organisers of school trips;
- To provide educational services in the context of any special educational needs of a pupil;
- To provide spiritual education in the context of any religious belief;
- In connection with employment of its staff, for example DBS checks, welfare or pension plan;
- To run any of its systems that operate on biometric data, such as for security and other forms of pupil and staff identification; or
- For legal and regulatory purposes (for example child protection, diversity monitoring and health and safety and as a UKVI sponsor) and to comply with its legal obligations and duties of care.

TYPES OF PERSONAL DATA PROCESSED BY THE SCHOOL

This will include by way of example:

- names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and other contact details;
- dates of birth, gender, nationality and ethnicity;
- car details (about those who use our car parking facilities);
- biometric information, which will be collected and used by the school in accordance with the school's biometrics policy.
- Passport details
- bank details and other financial information for staff, parents who pay fees to the school and or other Canford Community members who provide bank information for the processing of gifts and events.
- past, present and prospective pupils' academic, disciplinary, admissions and attendance records (including information about any special needs), and examination scripts and marks;
- where appropriate, information about individuals' health, and contact details for their next of kin;
- references given or received by the school about pupils and staff, and information provided by previous educational establishments and/or other professionals or organisations working with pupils; and
- images of pupils and staff (and occasionally other individuals) engaging in school activities, and images captured by the school's CCTV system (in accordance with the school's policy on taking, storing and using images of children);

HOW THE SCHOOL COLLECTS DATA

Generally, the school receives personal data from the individual directly (including, in the case of pupils, from their parents). This may be via a form, or simply in the ordinary course of interaction or communication (such as email, telephone, letter or written assessments).

However in some cases personal data may be supplied by third parties (for example another school, or other professionals or authorities working with that individual); or collected from publicly available resources.

WHO HAS ACCESS TO PERSONAL DATA AND WHO THE SCHOOL SHARES IT WITH

Occasionally, the school will need to share personal information relating to its community with third parties, such as professional advisers (lawyers and accountants) or relevant authorities (HMRC, police or the local authority).

To fulfil the school's direct mail requirements we may use approved mailing houses, who provide the school with security and undertakings to process any data provided to them solely for the purposes of mailing services and in no circumstances will be shared with any other third party.

In order to provide members of our community with appropriate services in an efficient and effective manner, very limited personal data may occasionally be shared with external service providers (eg. professional photographers). In all such cases, strict contractual arrangements will be in place to ensure that personal data is kept secure, used only in accordance with the School's specific directions and deleted as soon as it is no longer required.

For the most part, personal data collected by the school will remain within the school, and will be processed by appropriate individuals only in accordance with access protocols (i.e. on a 'need to know' basis). Particularly strict rules of access apply in the context of:

- medical records held and accessed only by the school doctor and appropriate medical staff under his/her supervision, or otherwise in accordance with express consent; and
- pastoral or safeguarding files.

However, a certain amount of any SEN pupil's relevant information will need to be provided to staff more widely in the context of providing the necessary care and education that the pupil requires.

Staff, pupils and parents are reminded that the school is under duties imposed by law and statutory guidance (including [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)) to record or report incidents and concerns that arise or are reported to it, in some cases regardless of whether they are proven, if they meet a certain threshold of seriousness in their nature or regularity. This may include file notes on personnel or safeguarding files, and in some cases referrals to relevant authorities such as the Dorset Social Services or police. For further information about this, please view the school's Safeguarding Policy.

Finally, in accordance with Data Protection Regulations, some of the school's processing activity is carried out on its behalf by third parties, such as IT systems, web developers, cloud storage

providers or providers of certain services such as Health Care and Insurance providers. This is always subject to contractual assurances that personal data will be kept securely and only in accordance with the school's specific directions.

HOW LONG WE KEEP PERSONAL DATA

The school will retain personal data securely and only in line with how long it is necessary to keep for a legitimate and lawful reason. Typically, the legal recommendation for how long to keep ordinary staff and pupil personnel files is up to 7 years following departure from the school. Alumni data will be retained until such time as a constituent or family member requests it to be removed. However, incident reports and safeguarding files will need to be kept indefinitely, in accordance with specific legal requirements. If you have any specific queries about how this policy is applied, or wish to request that personal data that you no longer believe to be relevant is considered for erasure, please contact the Bursar who is responsible handling such requests at the school. However, please bear in mind that the school may have lawful and necessary reasons to hold on to some data.

KEEPING IN TOUCH AND SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL

The school will use the contact details of parents, alumni and other members of the Canford Community to keep them updated about the activities of the school, or alumni and parent events of interest. This will include sending updates and newsletters, by email and by post, unless the relevant individual objects. The school may also:

- Share personal data about alumni, as appropriate, with the Old Canfordian Society Committee members and current staff;
- Contact members of the Canford Community by post and email in order to promote and raise funds for the school.

YOUR RIGHTS

Individuals have various rights under Data Protection Regulations to access and understand personal data about them held by the school, and in some cases ask for it to be erased or amended or for the school to stop processing it, but subject to certain exemptions and limitations.

Any individual wishing to access or amend their personal data, or wishing it to be transferred to another person or organisation, or who has some other objection to how their personal data is used, should put their request in writing to the Bursar.

The school will endeavour to respond to any such written requests as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within statutory time-limits, which is one month in the case of requests for access to information. The school will be better able to respond quickly to smaller, targeted requests for information. If the request is manifestly excessive or similar to previous

requests, the school may ask you to reconsider or charge a proportionate fee, but only where Data Protection Regulations allows it.

You should be aware that certain data is exempt from the right of access. This may include information which identifies other individuals, or information which is subject to legal professional privilege. The school is also not required to disclose any pupil examination scripts (though examiners' comments may fall to be disclosed), nor any confidential reference given by the school for the purposes of the education, training or employment of any individual.

PUPIL REQUESTS

Pupils can make subject access requests for their own personal data, provided that, in the reasonable opinion of the school, they have sufficient maturity to understand the request they are making (see section Whose Rights below). Indeed, while a person with parental responsibility will generally be entitled to make a subject access request on behalf of younger pupils, the information in question is always considered to be the child's at law.

A pupil of any age may ask a parent or other representative to make a subject access request on his/her behalf. Moreover (if of sufficient age) their consent or authority may need to be sought by the parent making such a request. Pupils at Canford are generally assumed to have this level of maturity, although this will depend on both the child and the personal data requested, including any relevant circumstances at home.

All information requests from, or on behalf of, pupils – whether made under subject access or simply as an incidental request – will therefore be considered on a case by case basis.

CONSENT

Where the school is relying on consent as a means to process personal data, any person may withdraw this consent at any time (subject to similar age considerations as above). Please be aware however that the school may have another lawful reason to process the personal data in question even without your consent.

That reason will usually have been asserted under this Privacy Notice, or may otherwise exist under some form of contract or agreement with the individual (e.g. an employment or parent contract, or because a purchase of goods, services or membership of an organisation such as an alumni or parents' association has been requested).

WHOSE RIGHTS

The rights under Data Protection Regulations belong to the individual to whom the data relates. However, the school will often rely on parental consent to process personal data relating to pupils (if consent is required) unless, given the nature of the processing in question, and the pupil's age and understanding, it is more appropriate to rely on the pupil's consent.

Parents should be aware that in such situations they may not be consulted, depending on the interests of the child, the parents' rights at law or under their contract, and all the circumstances.

In general, the school will assume that pupils' consent is not required for ordinary disclosure of their personal data to their parents, e.g. for the purposes of keeping parents informed about the pupil's activities, progress and behaviour, and in the interests of the pupil's welfare, unless, in the school's opinion, there is a good reason to do otherwise.

However, where a pupil seeks to raise concerns confidentially with a member of staff and expressly withholds their agreement to their personal data being disclosed to their parents, the school may be under an obligation to maintain confidentiality unless, in the school's opinion, there is a good reason to do otherwise; for example where the school believes disclosure will be in the best interests of the pupil or other pupils, or if required by law.

Pupils are required to respect the personal data and privacy of others, and to comply with the school's parent/pupil contracts, ICT acceptable use policy and any other related policy, pupils' rules and code of conduct and any other relevant policy. Staff are under professional duties to do the same covered under the relevant staff policy, contracts of employment and any other related policy.

DATA ACCURACY AND SECURITY

The school will endeavour to ensure that all personal data held in relation to an individual is as up to date and accurate as possible. Individuals must notify the Headmaster's office for pupils/parents/guardians, the HR Department for staff and the Development Office for Alumni, of any significant changes to important information, such as contact details, held about them.

An individual has the right to request that any out-of-date, irrelevant or inaccurate information about them is erased or corrected (subject to certain exemptions and limitations under Data Protection Regulations): please see above for details of why the school may need to process your data, or who you may contact if you disagree.

The school will take appropriate technical and organisational steps to ensure the security of personal data about individuals, including policies around use of technology and devices, and access to school systems. All staff and governors will be made aware of this policy and their duties under Data Protection Regulations and receive relevant training.

THIS POLICY

The school will update this Privacy Notice from time to time. Any substantial changes that affect your rights will be provided to you directly as far as is reasonably practicable.

QUERIES AND COMPLAINTS

Any comments or queries on this policy should be directed to the Bursar.

If an individual believes that the school has not complied with this policy or acted otherwise than in accordance with Data Protection Regulations, they should utilise the school's complaints / grievance procedure and should also notify the Bursar. The school can also make a referral to or lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), although the ICO recommends that steps are taken to resolve the matter with the school before involving the regulator.

REPORTING A BREACH

Where there has been a data protection breach, this must be reported within 72 hours (including weekends) of the breach being discovered, to the Bursar or email dataprotection@canford.com

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