CASTLE COURT
SCHOOL

STAFF PRIVACY NOTICE

Who we are

We are Castle Court Educational Trust a company registered in England and Wales (the "School"). Our company registration number 01134697, our charity registration number is 325028 and our registered office is at Knoll House, Knoll Lane, Corfe Mullen, Dorset, BH21 3RF.

In the course of your employment, engagement or other basis of work undertaken for the School, we will collect, use and hold ("process") personal data relating to you as a member of our staff or wider school team, regardless of your employment status. This makes the School a data controller of your personal information, and this Privacy Notice sets out how we will use that information and what your rights are.

Who this document applies to

This notice applies to staff at the School, including current, former and prospective: employees, self-employed contractors, visiting music teachers and other peripatetic workers, casual workers, temps, and volunteers who may be employed or engaged by the School to work for it in any capacity, as well as prospective applicants for roles. It also applies to governors / trustees / directors.

This notice is not aimed at pupils, or parents of pupils (whether current, past or prospective) or other members of the public, nor does it inform staff how to handle the personal data of the same. This information may be found in the school's Privacy Notice, which provides further details about how personal data will be used by the school.

About this document

This Staff Privacy Notice explains how the School collects, uses and shares (or "processes") personal data of staff, and your rights in relation to the personal data we hold.

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, such as the terms and conditions of employment, and including the staff code of conduct and any applicable staff handbook;
- the school's retention of records policy;

- the school's safeguarding, pastoral, anti-bullying, or health and safety policies, including as to how concerns, low-level concerns or incidents are reported or recorded (both by and about staff); and
- the school's IT policies, including its Acceptable Use policy, eSafety policy, Social Media Policy.

Please note that your contract with the School, including any document or policy forming a part of your contractual obligations to the school, may in particular be relevant to and supplement the information in this Staff Privacy Notice, to the extent that it will contain details of obligations or rights of the school under contract with you which may require the use of your personal data. However, this Staff Privacy Notice is the primary document applicable to the use of your personal data by the school.

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

How we collect your information

We may collect your personal data in a number of ways, for example:

- from the information you provide to us before making a job application;
- when you submit a formal application to work for us, and provide your personal data in application forms and covering letters, or when you complete a self-declaration etc.;
- When you attend interview; and
- from third parties, for example the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and referees (including your previous or current employers or school), or from third party websites (as part of online suitability checks for shortlisted candidates) or (if you are a contractor or substitute) your owb employer or agent, in order to verify details about you and/or your application to work for us.

More generally, during the course of your employment with us, as a member of staff, we will collect data from or about you, including:

- when you provide or update your contact details;
- when you or another member of staff completes paperwork regarding your performance appraisals;
- in the course of fulfilling your employment (or equivalent) duties more generally, including by filling reports, note taking, or sending emails on school systems;
- in various other ways as you interact with us during your time as a member of staff, and afterwards, where relevant, for the various purposes set out below.

The types of information we collect

We may collect the following types of personal data about you (and your family members and 'next of kin', where relevant):

- contact and communications information, including:

    - your contact details (including email address(es), telephone numbers and postal address(es);
    - contact details (through various means, as above) for your family members and 'next of kin', in which case you confirm that you have the right to pass this information to us for use by us in accordance with this Privacy Notice;
    - records of communications and interactions we have had with you;

- biographical, educational and social information, including:

    - your name, title, gender, nationality and date of birth;
    - Your marital status and details of any dependents you may have
    - your image and likeness, including as captured in photographs taken for work purposes;
    - details of your education and references from your institutions of study;
    - lifestyle information and social circumstances;
    - your interests and extra-curricular activities;
    - Information in the public domain, including information you may have posted to social media, where relevant to your role (e.g. as part of pre-employment screening).

- financial information, including:

    - your bank account number(s), name(s) and sort code(s) (used for paying your salary and processing other payments);
    - your tax status (including residence status);
    - information related to pensions, national insurance, or employee benefit schemes;

- work related information, including:

    - details of your work history and references from your previous employer(s);
    - records of your work at the School (including your start date, working hours, training records and performance/appraisal records, and information about your use of our IT systems);
    - your personal data captured in the work product(s), notes and correspondence you create while employed by or otherwise engaged to work for the school;
    - details of your professional activities and interests;
    - your involvement with and membership of sector bodies and professional associations;
    - information about your employment and professional life after leaving the school, where relevant (for example, where you have asked us to keep in touch with you);
    - details of your right to enter, live and work in the UK, including your nationality and other immigration status (ie about your entitlement to work in the UK), including copies of passport information (if applicable);
    - details of any disciplinary matters or grievances which you raise or which relate to you;

- and any other information relevant to your employment or other engagement to work for the school.

Where this is necessary for your employment or other engagement to work for us, we may also collect special categories of data, and information about criminal convictions and offences, including:

- information revealing your racial or ethnic origin;
- trade union membership, where applicable;

- information concerning your health and medical conditions (for example, where required to monitor and record sickness absences, dietary needs, or to make reasonable adjustments to your working conditions or environment);
- information concerning your sexual life or orientation (for example, in the course of investigating complaints made by you or others, for example concerning discrimination); and
- information about certain criminal convictions (for example, where this is necessary for due diligence purposes, or compliance with our legal and regulatory obligations);

However, this will only be undertaken where and to the extent it is necessary for a lawful purpose in connection with your employment or other engagement to work for the school.

The bases for processing your personal data, how that data is used and whom it is shared with

(i) ***Entering into, or fulfilling, our contract with you***

We process your personal data because it is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are a party or in order to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract, such as a contract of employment or other engagement with us. In this respect, we use your personal data for the following:

- administering job applications and, where relevant, offering you a role with us;
- carrying out due diligence checks on you, whether during the application process for a role with us or during your engagement with us, including by checking references in relation to your education and your employment history;
- once you are employed or engaged by us in any capacity, for the performance of the contract of employment (or other agreement) between you and us;
- to pay you and to administer benefits (including pensions) in connection with your employment or other engagement with us;
- monitoring your attendance and your performance in your work, including in performance appraisals;
- monitoring your use of our IT systems to ensure compliance with our policies (including the School's IT Acceptable Use Policy);
- to assess and make decisions about your fitness to work, training and development requirements;
- promoting the school to prospective parents and others, including by publishing the work product(s) you create while employed by or otherwise engaged to work for the School;
- for disciplinary purposes, including conducting investigations where required;
- for other administrative purposes, for example to update you about changes to your terms and conditions of employment or engagement, or changes to your pension arrangements;
- for internal record-keeping, including the management of any staff feedback or complaints and incident reporting; and

- for any other reason or purpose set out in your employment or other contract with us.

(ii) ***Legitimate Interests***

We process your personal data because it is necessary for our (or sometimes a third party's) legitimate interests. Our "legitimate interests" include our interests in running the school in a professional, sustainable manner, in accordance with all relevant ethical, educational, charitable, legal and regulatory duties and requirements (whether or not connected directly to data protection law). In this respect, we use your personal data for the following:

- providing you with information about us and what it is like to work for us (where you have asked for this, most obviously before you have made a formal application to work for us);
- to enable relevant authorities to monitor the School's performance and to intervene or assist with incidents as appropriate;
- to provide education services to pupils, including where such services are provided remotely;
- to safeguard staff and pupils' health and welfare and provide appropriate pastoral care;
- to carry out or cooperate with any school or external complaints, disciplinary or investigatory process;
- for the purposes of management planning and forecasting, research and statistical analysis;
- in connection with organising events and social engagements for staff;
- making travel arrangements on your behalf, where required;
- contacting you or your family members and 'next of kin' for business continuity purposes, to confirm your absence from work, etc.;
- publishing your image and likeness in connection with your employment or engagement with us;
- to monitor (as appropriate) use of the school's IT and communications systems in accordance with the school's *acceptable use policy* and government guidance such as KCSIE.

(iii) ***Legal Obligations***

We also process your personal data for our compliance with our legal obligations, notably those in connection with employment, charity / company law, tax law and accounting, and child welfare. In this respect, we use your personal data for the following:

- child welfare (including following the requirements and recommendations of KCSIE), social protection, diversity, equality, and gender pay gap monitoring, employment, and health and safety);
- for tax and accounting purposes, including transferring personal data to HM Revenue and Customs to ensure that you have paid appropriate amounts of tax, and in respect of any Gift Aid claims, where relevant;

- compliance with our data protection obligations, including responding to subject access requests from third parties. Please note in this regard that there is a statutory assumption of reasonableness in disclosing staff data under a subject access request, where mixed with that of the requester. However, there may be situations where the School redacts staff data, for example if it does not obviously relate to their professional role, or if the request is not made by (or on behalf of) a pupil in that person's care; and

- for the prevention and detection of crime, and in order to assist with investigations (including criminal investigations) carried out by the police and other competent authorities.

(iv) ***Special categories of data***

We process special categories of personal data (such as data concerning health, religious beliefs, racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or union membership) or criminal convictions and allegations (treated for these purposes as special category data) for the reasons and purposes set out below.

In particular, we process the following types of special category personal data for the following reasons:

- your physical or mental health or condition(s) in order to record sick leave and take decisions about your fitness for work, or (in emergencies) act on any medical needs you may have;

- recording your racial or ethnic origin in order to monitor our compliance with equal opportunities legislation;

- recording trade union membership, in connection with your rights as an employee and our obligations as an employer;

- to investigate complaints made by you or others, for example concerning discrimination, bullying or harassment, or as part of a compliant made against the School;

- data about any criminal convictions or offences committed by you, for example when conducting criminal background checks with the DBS, or via a self-declaration, or where it is necessary to record or report an allegation (including to police or other authorities, with or without reference to you);

We will process special categories of personal data for lawful reasons only, including because:

- you have given us your explicit consent to do so, in circumstances where consent is appropriate;

- it is necessary to protect your or another person's vital interests, for example, where you have a life-threatening accident or illness in the workplace and we have to process your personal data in order to ensure you receive appropriate medical attention;

- it is necessary for the purposes of carrying out legal obligations and exercising legal rights (both yours and ours) in connection with your employment or engagement by us;

- it is necessary for some function in the substantial public interest, including:

    - the safeguarding of children or vulnerable people; or

- to prevent or detect unlawful acts; or
- as part of a function designed to protect the public, pupils or parents from seriously improper conduct, malpractice, incompetence or unfitness in a role, or failures in services by the School (or to establish the truth of any such allegations); or
- to cooperate with a relevant authority, professional or regulatory body (such as the ISI, DfE, LADO or TRA) in such matters

- to comply with public health requirements; or
- it is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims, such as where any person has brought a claim or serious complaint against us or you.

Low-level concerns about adults

We will process personal data about you, whether or not it constitutes special category data, in accordance with our policy on recording and sharing low-level concerns about adults. This will be processed for the same safeguarding and/or employment law reasons as set out above.

Such records are subject to the rules on retention set out in the School's Low-Level Concerns Policy, and you have the same rights in respect of that information, as any other personal data that we hold on you. However, any requests to access, erase or amend personal data we hold in accordance with this policy may be subject to necessary exemptions, for example if we consider that compliance with the request might unreasonably impact the privacy rights of others or give rise to a risk of harm to children.

As a general rule, records of low-level concerns will be kept at least until the termination of your employment, but may need to be retained longer: e.g. where relevant, individually or cumulatively, to any employment, disciplinary or safeguarding matter. Low-level concerns will not be included in references unless they relate to issues which would normally be included in references, for example, misconduct or poor performance. A low-level concern which relates exclusively to safeguarding (and not to misconduct or poor performance) will not be referred to in a reference.

Sharing your information with others

For the purposes referred to in this privacy notice and relying on the basis for processing as set out above, we may share your personal data with certain third parties. We may disclose limited personal data (including in limited cases special category or criminal data) to a variety of recipients including:

- other employees, agents and contractors (eg third parties processing data on our behalf as part of administering payroll services, the provision of benefits including pensions, IT etc. – although this is not sharing your data in a legal sense, as these are considered data processors on our behalf);
- DBS and other relevant authorities and agencies (e.g. HMRC, DfE, CAFCASS, police, Home Office, Public Health or Local Authority) and/or appropriate regulatory bodies e.g. Teacher Regulation Agency (TRA), the Independent Schools Inspectorate, the Charity Commission;
- third party background check agencies;
- external auditors or inspectors;
- our advisers where it is necessary for us to obtain their advice or assistance, including insurers, lawyers, accountants, or other external consultants;

- third parties and their advisers in the unlikely event that those third parties are acquiring or considering acquiring all or part of our school;
- when the school is legally required to do so (by a court order, government body, law enforcement agency or other authority of competent jurisdiction), for example HM Revenue and Customs or police.

We may also share information about you with other employers in the form of a reference, where we consider it appropriate, or if we are required to do so in compliance with our legal obligations. References given or received in confidence may not be accessible under your UK GDPR rights.

How long your information is kept

Personal data relating to unsuccessful job applicants is deleted within 1 year of the end of the application process, except where we have notified you we intend to keep it for longer (and you have not objected).

For employees, subject to any other notices that we may provide to you, we may retain your personal data for a period of seven years after your contract of employment (or equivalent agreement) has expired or been terminated.

However, some information may be retained for longer than this, for example incident reports and safeguarding files, in accordance with specific legal requirements.

Your rights

You have the following rights:

- to obtain access to, and copies of, the personal data that we hold about you;
- to require us to correct the personal data we hold about you if it is incorrect;
- to require us (in certain circumstances) to erase your personal data;
- to request that we restrict our data processing activities (and, where our processing is based on your consent, you may withdraw that consent, without affecting the lawfulness of our processing based on consent before its withdrawal);
- to receive from us the personal data we hold about you which you have provided to us, in a reasonable format specified by you, including for the purpose of you transmitting that personal data to another data controller;
- to object, on grounds relating to your particular situation, to any of our particular processing activities where you feel this has a disproportionate impact on your rights.

Please note that the above rights are not absolute, and we may be entitled to refuse requests where exceptions apply. The school will endeavour to respond to any such requests as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within statutory time-limits (which is generally one month, but actually fulfilling more complex or multiple requests, e.g. those involving third party information, may take 1-2 months longer).

Please also see our External Privacy Notice (Privacy Notice Parents) which has more information about your rights as a 'data subject'.

You can find out more about your rights under applicable data protection legislation from the Information Commissioner's Office website available at www.ico.org.uk.

This notice

The school will update this Staff 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. This Privacy Notice was last updated on November 2026.

Contact and complaints

If you have any questions about this Privacy Notice or how the School processes your personal data, or if you wish to exercise any of your rights under Data Protection Law, please contact the School's Data Protection Lead at **data@castlecourt.com**.

If you have a complaint about the way in which the School has used your personal data, please raise this with the School in the first instance using the contact details above. The School will acknowledge and investigate data protection complaints and respond in accordance with applicable Data Protection Law.

You also have the right to make a complaint to the **Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)**, the UK's data protection regulator. Further information is available at **www.ico.org.uk**.

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