

**ST MARY'S BENTWORTH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
DATA PROTECTION PRIVACY NOTICE (for Governors)**

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Date of Review: **July 2026**



Ownership: Education Committee	Linked to: Data Protection Policy (encompasses All School Policies)
Review Committee: Full Governing Body, Headteacher	
Communicated to: Full Governing Body	
Evaluation: (inc links to evidence)	

St Mary's Bentworth is the data controller for governor information.

The categories of governor information that we process include:

- personal identifiers, contacts and characteristics (such as name, date of birth, contact details (email, telephone, home address and postcode)
- governance details (such as role, start and end dates and governor ID)
- pecuniary interests data

Why we collect and use 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 governor information, for the following purposes:

- a) to meet the statutory duties placed upon us
- b) Where processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or exercise of official authority vested in the Governing Body (e.g. education functions associated with running a school).

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

for the purposes **a)** and **b)** 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.

Collecting governor information

We collect personal information via application forms and email correspondence.

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 governor information

We hold data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule. For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please refer to the school's retention schedule and Data Protection policy – both available from the School Office or on the school website.

With whom we share governor information

We routinely share this information with:

- our local authority (HCC Governor Services)
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- the Diocese of Winchester or their representative, eg local Parochial Church Council for Governor Foundation Appointments/re-appointments

Why we share governor information

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

Local Authority

We are required to share information about our governors with our local authority (LA) under our Governance regulations and by the Constitution Regulations Guidance, August 2015, Section 25.

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](#)

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.



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 the Headteacher, or Gemma Newbury, Data Protection Officer at the School Office.

Under certain circumstances 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
- a right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts

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/>

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: The Headteacher, or Gemma Newbury, Data Protection Officer at the School Office.

How Government uses your data

The 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

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 publically 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 (SAR). 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-information-charter>

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