



Staff Privacy Policy

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1. Purpose

The aim of this policy is to set out how we use your personal information as your employer or when you apply for a job with us. This policy has been prepared in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (“GDPR”) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

We are the data controller of personal information about you. We are Warrington & Vale Royal College (The College), Winwick Road, Warrington, Cheshire WA2 8QA.

Our Data Protection Officer is Laura Churchill, contactable at the above address or [Churchill@wvr.ac.uk](mailto: Churchill@wvr.ac.uk)

2. Scope

This policy applies to all employees and job applicants. It sets out how the College uses your personal information as your employer or when you apply for a job with us and in particular:

- the information that you give us;
- the uses made of your personal information;
- the legal basis on which we collect and use your personal information;
- how long we keep your personal information;
- how we share your personal information;
- how we transfer your personal information outside of Europe; and
- your rights over your personal information.

3. Responsibility

Ultimate responsibility of this procedure lies with the Principal/Chief Executive, supported by the Director of Human Resources.

4. The information that you give us.

We will collect personal information from you when you apply for a job with us. This will include your: name; address; phone number; email; date of birth; NI number; current employment details including job title, start and end dates, current salary, notice period, reason for leaving; all past employment details; education details; whether you are related to any personnel of the College or Governing Body; references; special arrangement details for interview; criminal record details; Disclosure Barring Service check, including Overseas Police check; Check of Barred List/List 99; and Pre-employment Health Questionnaire/Medical Report. We also carry out a search for your online profile. This is for safeguarding purposes in accordance with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026.

We will collect and retain the following information whilst you are an employee of the College. This will be your: name; marital status; previous surname(s); address; date of birth; occupation/department; type of employment; phone number; email addresses; NI number; start date; next of kin and contact details; bank details; pension details; statement about employment; student loan details; offer letters; employment terms and conditions; changes to your terms and conditions; certifications/qualifications, disciplinary, grievance, capability, job descriptions, sickness absences, maternity/paternity/adoption information; accidents and injuries at work; working time information; annual leave records; training records;

recruitment information; photo; payroll details; gender; ethnic origin; disability/health conditions; religion/belief; sexual orientation; caring responsibilities; flexible working; exit interviews; return to work notifications; parental leave request forms; probation/performance; bank account number; sort code; disqualification information and medical information and CCTV images. We will collect sensitive information for equal opportunity monitoring including: ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation and disability status.

5. The uses made of your personal information

We will use your personal information set out above as follows:

- for the recruitment process and for carrying out pre-employment checks; including online checks (in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education Guidelines);
- for safeguarding students;
- for checking your identity and right to work in UK;
- for checking your qualifications;
- to keep an audit trail of the checks we have made and our relationship with you in case of employment claims;
- to set up payroll and pension and to reimburse expenses;
- for dealing with HMRC;
- for communicating with you, including for marketing purposes;
- for wellbeing, monitoring sickness, absences and health and safety
- for carrying out our role as your employer or potential employer.

We treat your personal information with confidentiality and we do not use it for any other purposes.

6. The legal basis on which we collect and use your personal information

We collect and use your personal information on the basis that it is necessary for performing our employment contract with you, or it is necessary to take steps before entering into the contract with you. We also collect and use your personal information on the basis that we need to do so in order to comply with our legal obligations.

Where we collect your special category personal information, we do this on the basis that it is necessary for the purposes of carrying out our obligations in the field of employment law. Special categories of personal data are personal data that reveal a person's racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religions or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, genetic data (i.e. information about their inherited or acquired genetic characteristics, information about their physical, physiological or behavioral characteristics (such as facial images and fingerprints), physical or mental health, sexual life or sexual orientation and criminal records.

For information about the college's use of CCTV, please see the CCTV policy.

7. How long we keep your personal information.

We will not keep your personal information for longer than we need it for the purposes we have explained above.

When you apply for a job with us, but your application is unsuccessful, we will keep your personal information for a period of 6 months from filling of vacancy.

When you are an employee, we will keep your personal information for as long as you work with us and then after you leave, we will keep your personal information for ten years.

8. How we share your personal information.

We may share the personal information that you give us with the following organisations for the following purposes.

Organisation:

Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, Occupational Health Services, Hollins Park House, Hollins Lane, Winwick, Warrington WA2 8WA.

Purpose:

Medical support and advice.

Organisations:

Cheshire Pension Fund, The Portal, Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, CH65 0BA

Teachers' Pensions, 11b Lingfield Point, Darlington, DL1 1AX

Purpose:

Provision of pensions services.

We may also share your personal information with third parties who provide services to the College.

Organisation:

CiPHR Limited,
33 Blagrove Street, Reading, Berkshire, United Kingdom, RG1 1PW.

Service:

HR system provision.

Additionally, if you request that we share your information with third parties e.g. for mortgage purposes, we will do so with your authority.

Organisation:

HMRC

Purpose:

In our legal requirement as an employer.

Organisation:

Department for Work and Pensions

Purpose:

In providing details as requested.

Organisation:

Department for Education

Purpose:

As part of a contractual obligation to obtain funding.

Organisation:

OfS

Purpose:

As part of a legal obligation. The OfS is the regulator of the higher education sector in England and has certain statutory functions as set out in the Higher Education and Research Act 2017.

Organisation:

Google Workspace and Microsoft

Purpose:

As part of the setting up process for new staff, we create an IT account within Google Workspace and Microsoft. We use them for online learning and storage and processing of data.

We may also share your personal information with third parties who provide services to the college such as healthcare and childcare vouchers. We only provide details when you as an employee have opted into these services.

9. Your rights over your personal information.

You have a number of rights over your personal information, which are:

- The right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) if you are unhappy about the way your personal data is being used – please refer to the ICO's website for further information about this (<https://ico.org.uk/>);
- the right to ask us what personal information about you we are holding and to have access to a copy of your personal information;

- the right to ask us to correct any errors in your personal information;
- the right, in certain circumstances such as where we no longer need your personal information, to request that we restrict the use that we are making of your personal information;
- the right, in certain circumstances, to ask us to review and explain our legitimate interests to you; and
- the right, where our use of your personal information is carried out for the purposes of an agreement with us and is carried out by automated means, to ask us to provide you with a copy of your personal information in a structured, commonly-used, machine-readable format.

10. Changes to our privacy policy

We keep our privacy policy under regular review. Any changes we make to our privacy policy in the future will be notified to you by email.

NB. We do not store or transfer your personal data outside of Europe.

E&D Impact Assessment

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Identify the Key Stakeholders:	College staff	
What is the impact on the following:	Key Characteristics	Impact
	Age	(1) A positive impact is intended and very likely
	Disability	(1) A positive impact is intended and very likely
	Sex	(1) A positive impact is intended and very likely
	Racial group	(1) A positive impact is intended and very likely
	Religion and belief	(1) A positive impact is intended and very likely
	Sexual orientation	(1) A positive impact is intended and very likely
	Gender re-assignment	(1) A positive impact is intended and very likely
	Pregnancy and maternity	(1) A positive impact is intended and very likely
	Marriage and civil partnership	(1) A positive impact is intended and very likely

	Please tick			
Have any additional safeguarding risks been identified?	Yes	☐	No	☒
Any major changes or adjustments required:	Yes	☐	No	☒
Stop and remove:	Yes	☐	No	☒

**Actions to be addressed:**

Action	To be completed by	Target Date	Completed (Y/N)

Validated by the Equality & Diversity Committee**Date:****If applicable, actions completed and validated by the
Equality & Diversity Committee****Date:**