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# Cabot Learning Federation - Staff Privacy Notice

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## 1. Introduction

This Privacy Notice is to help you understand **how** and **why** Cabot Learning Federation (CLF) collect personal information about you and **what** we do with that information. It also explains the decisions that you can make about your own information.

The CLF operates a number of schools (the **School**). The CLF is ultimately responsible for how the School handles your personal information. In this privacy notice, we use the term "CLF" to mean both the School and the CLF.

This Notice is aimed at all CLF staff (including employees, Governors, volunteers and certain contractors) and applicants for employment vacancies. This Notice does not form part of your contract of employment and the CLF may amend it at any time.

## 2. What is personal information?

Personal information is information that relates to an identified or identifiable individual. This includes your contact details, next of kin, financial information, qualifications, work history and performance details. CCTV, photos and video recordings of you are also personal information.

We may also hold what the law describes as Special Category Personal Data such as your religion, ethnic group and health information.

## 3. What personal information does the CLF hold about you and how is this obtained?

We set out below examples of the personal information the CLF holds about you and where this personal information comes from.

Information about you is gathered during the recruitment process, for example:

- a) information about your employment history, education, qualifications and professional achievements;
- b) when you provide certain information to us, for example, on your application form and during any interviews;
- c) when we obtain information from publicly available sources such as your social media profiles; and
- d) when we receive your personal information (from you and third parties) in carrying out pre-employment checks, for example, when we receive references, confirmation of your fitness to work, your right to work in the UK, criminal records checks, and prohibition from teaching and management positions, where appropriate.

We will hold information about your job performance. This includes information about skills, achievements, career progression, performance and disciplinary related matters.

Where appropriate, we will have information about your religious beliefs and practices. For example, if you do not eat certain foods.

We hold and use your financial information, such as, your bank details, your salary and pension details.

We will hold information about any physical or mental health condition you may have which is disclosed to the CLF during the recruitment process or at any stage during your employment. This will include absence related information such as absence records and medical certificates.

We will hold information about any protected characteristics you may have (e.g. gender, marital status or a disability) which you provide, for example on the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form.

Your personal information will be created internally by the CLF during the course of your employment. An email from the Principal to a member of staff complimenting them on class management would be an example of this.

Your personal information may be acquired from outside of the CLF community such as from occupational health practitioners or from public authorities such as the Police or the Local Authority Designated Officer.

Pupils will often provide us with your personal information, for example, if a pupil emails their form tutor to say how much they are helping them with their work.

Your personal information will be held on the Single Central Register, which may be administered by third parties on the CLF's behalf, such as Ofsted.

#### 4. Our legal bases for using your information

This section contains information about the legal bases that we are relying on when handling your information as described above.

The two tables set out below contain a general description of the different legal bases but we have also used a colour code system so that you can see which bases we are relying on for each of the purposes described below.

If we do not have a contract with you, for example, if you are a governor, trustee or volunteer, we will not rely on the contractual basis ("CT") to use your information.

##### Contractual obligation ("CT")

We will need to use your information in order to comply with our contractual obligations under your employment contract with CLF. For example:

- we need your name and bank details so that we can pay you your salary;
- we may need to provide your personal information to a pension provider so that you can benefit from your pension entitlement;
- we also need to use your personal information to provide contractual benefits.
- if we provide you with accommodation under your contract we will use your personal information as part of this provision.

### Legal obligation ("LO")

We have to comply with various laws and this entitles us to use your information where necessary. For example:

- we have to make sure that you have the right to work in the UK;
- to fulfil our duty of care to you and your colleagues;
- we have to fulfil our safeguarding duties towards pupils;
- we are required to share information about our School employees with the Department for Education under section 5 of the Education (Supply of Information about the School Workforce) (England) regulations 2007 and amendments; and
- sometimes we will be legally obliged to disclose your information to third parties such as the Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS), local authorities or the police. More detail of when we will do so is set out in the paragraphs below.

### Vital interests

We may use your information where this is necessary to protect your vital interests or someone else's. For example, to prevent someone from being seriously harmed.

### Performance of a task carried out in the public interest ("PI")

The following are examples of when we use your information to perform tasks in the public interest:

- looking after your welfare and development and the welfare and development of others, this includes equal opportunities monitoring;
- safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils;
- providing pupils with an education;
- ensuring the security of a CLF site which may involve issuing you with a photocard pass;
- making sure that you are complying with your employment obligations;
- facilitating the efficient operation of CLF; and
- ensuring that we comply with all of our legal obligations.

### Legitimate interests ("LI")

This means that CLF is using your information when this is necessary for our legitimate interests except when your interests and fundamental rights override our legitimate interests.

We have a legitimate interest in using your information to:

- i. promote CLF including fundraising and publicity;
- ii. preserve historical school records.

CLF must also comply with an additional condition where it processes special categories of personal information. These special categories are as follows: personal information revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, genetic information, biometric information, health information, and information about sex life or orientation. The bases that we are relying on to process special categories of personal information are set out below:

### Employment, social security and social protection ("ESP")

The processing is necessary for the purposes of carrying out the obligations and exercising specific rights of CLF and staff in the field of employment, social security or social protection. For example, sometimes this would allow us to disclose your information to third parties such as the DBS or occupational health services.

### Vital interests

To protect the vital interests of any person where that person cannot give consent, for example, if they are seriously hurt and are unconscious.

### Legal claims ("LC")

The processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims. This allows us to share information with our legal advisors and insurers.

### Medical purposes ("MP")

This includes medical treatment and the management of healthcare services.

### Substantial public interest ("SPI")

CLF is also allowed to use special categories of personal information where doing so is necessary in the substantial public interest. This is similar to "Public interest" in the table above, for example we may use special categories of information when providing an education to pupils, looking after the welfare of pupils or when CLF is inspected.

## 5. Why does the CLF use your personal information?

The letters highlighted in different colours below refer to the legal bases we are relying on, please see the section above for an explanation.

### 1 We commonly use personal information for:

- a) providing education and support to our pupils - **PI, SPI**;
- b) ensuring that we provide a safe and secure work environment - **PI, ESP, SPI**;
- c) providing employment services (such as payroll and references) - **CT, PI, SPI**;
- d) providing training and support - **PI, SPI**;
- e) personnel, administrative and management purposes and to enable us to meet our legal obligations as an employer. For example, to pay staff and to monitor their performance - **CT, LO, PI, ESP, SPI**;
- f) safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all staff and pupils - **LO, PI, ESP, SPI**; and
- g) fulfilling our contractual and other legal obligations - **CT, LO**.

### 2 Some specific examples of when the CLF uses your personal information are set out below:

- a) we use your personal information to consider your suitability to work in your role at the CLF, which includes checking the online profiles of all successful candidates in line with our obligations under Keeping Children Safe in Education - **LO, PI, SPI**;
- b) we will check that you have the right to work in the UK by reviewing your identification documents and keeping copies on your personnel file - **LO, PI, SPI**;
- c) we may use your personal information in addressing any performance or disciplinary concerns which arise - **PI, SPI**;
- d) we will use information relating to any medical condition you may have in order to verify fitness to work, monitor sickness absence and comply with our duty of care towards you - **PI, MP, SPI**;



- e) we will use your information when dealing with complaints and grievances with which you are involved (e.g. from other staff, students and parents/carers) – **PI, SPI**;
- f) we may use your information when responding to an incident, for example, if something is published on social media which concerns the CLF – **PI, LI**;
- g) we often use information about you, including photographs and video recordings of staff, for marketing and promotion purposes. This will include in CLF publications, in social media and on the CLF's websites – **LI**. Sometimes we will ask for your consent to do this, please see the "Consent" section for further details;
- h) we will also allow external publication of certain media where appropriate (for example, a photograph or article in a local newspaper) – **LI**;
- i) we may also make recordings for teaching purposes, for example, recording a drama lesson to provide feedback to you or pupils. We may also record lessons for pupils who were not able to attend in person – **PI, SPI**;
- j) we use CCTV recordings for the purposes of crime prevention and investigation and also in connection with our obligation to safeguard the safety and welfare of pupils, staff and visitors to CLF sites. Further information about the use of CCTV can be found in the CLF's CCTV policy (a copy of which is published in the [CLF Employment Manual](#)) – **PI, SPI**;
- k) the CLF regularly monitors and accesses its IT system for purposes connected with the operation of the CLF. The IT system includes any hardware, software, email account, computer, device or telephone provided by the CLF or used for CLF business. The CLF may also monitor staff use of the CLF telephone system and voicemail messages. Staff should be aware that the CLF may monitor the contents of a communication (such as the contents of an email) – **PI, SPI**;
- l) the purposes of such monitoring and accessing include:
  - (i) to help the CLF with its day to day operations. For example, if a member of staff is on holiday or is off sick, their email account may be monitored in case any urgent emails are received – **PI, SPI**; and
  - (ii) to check staff compliance with the CLF 's policies and procedures and to help the CLF fulfil its legal obligations. For example, to investigate allegations that a member of staff has been using their email account to send abusive or inappropriate messages – **PI, SPI**.
- m) monitoring may be carried out on a random basis or it may be carried out in response to a specific incident or concern – **PI, SPI**;
- n) the CLF also uses software which automatically monitors the IT system (for example, it would raise an alert if a member of Staff visited a blocked website or sent an email containing an inappropriate word or phrase) – **PI, SPI**;
- o) the monitoring is carried out by safeguarding and IT teams. If anything of concern is revealed as a result of such monitoring then this information may be shared with the relevant Principal or Director of HR and this may result in disciplinary action. In exceptional circumstances, concerns may need to be referred to external agencies such as the Police – **PI, SPI**;
- p) we may send you information about how to support the CLF, for example fundraising opportunities – **LI**;
- q) we will keep details of your address when you leave our employment so we can keep in touch – **LI**;
- r) we may keep some old CLF records for a long time or even indefinitely, for example, to enable the history of the CLF to be kept – **LI**.
- s) The Principal in each academy will record details of low level safeguarding concerns about staff in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education (2022) statutory guidance - **LO, PI, SPI**.

- 3 If you fail to provide certain information when requested, we may not be able to perform our obligations under the contract of employment or agreement we have entered into with you (such as paying you or providing a benefit). Alternatively, we may be prevented from complying with our legal obligations (such as to ensure the health and safety of our workers).

## 6. How does the CLF share staff personal information with third parties?

- 1 We will need to share your information with:

- a) the DBS, in some cases this may be via a third party to carry out the checks on our behalf, or the Teaching Regulation Agency (previously known as the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) when complying with our legal duty to carry out pre-appointment suitability checks – **LO, PI, ESP, SPI**; and
- b) the DBS and / or the Teaching Regulation Agency (if applicable) if circumstances arise in which we are required to make a referral to either or both of these bodies – **LO, PI, ESP, SPI**.

- 2 To fulfil our obligations to you as an employer we may need to share your information with medical professionals, such as occupational health services, where we are making a referral or the Department for Health and Social Care and Public Health England for pandemic track and trace purposes – **CT, PI, SPI**.
- 3 Occasionally we will use consultants, experts and other advisors (including legal advisors, auditors and accountants) to assist us in fulfilling our obligations and to help run the CLF properly. We will often need to share your information with them if this is relevant to the work they carry out – **PI, ESP, LC, SPI**.
- 4 In accordance with our legal obligations, we will share information with Ofsted, for example, during the course of an inspection, and may need to share your information with the Department for Education – **LO, PI, ESP, SPI**.
- 5 As an employer we must check if you can work in the UK before we employ you. Additionally, if you are sponsored by us under Tier 2 or Tier 5 of the UK Visas & Immigration Points Based System, in certain circumstances we will have to provide information about you to UK Visas and Immigration to comply with our duties as a Tier 2/5 sponsor – **LO, PI, SPI**.
- 6 We may share some of your information with our insurance company or benefits providers, for example, where there has been a serious incident or to ensure that you are able to take advantage of certain benefits – **CT, PI, ESP, LC, SPI**.
- 7 We may need to share information about you with the Health and Safety Executive (a government organisation) if there is a health and safety issue – **LO, PI, ESP, SPI**.
- 8 If the CLF is dealing with a complaint or grievance (e.g. from a parent/carer) we may need to share your information with other parties if it is relevant, for example, the appropriate staff at the CLF, the colleague or parents/carers making the complaint and CLF Board or CLF Council members - **LO, PI, SPI**.

- 9 If appropriate we will share your information with individuals connected to the CLF who are exercising their data protection rights, for example, when responding to a subject access request - **LO, PI, SPI**.
- 10 We will share personal information about staff with the relevant statutory agencies if it is appropriate to share this information e.g. to investigate misconduct allegations - **LO, PI, ESP, SPI**.
- 11 On occasion, we may need to share your information with the police for the prevention and investigation of crime and the prosecution of offenders. We will only do this in specific circumstances to assist the police with their investigations. In exceptional circumstances CCTV recordings may be disclosed to third parties such as the police - **LO, PI, ESP, SPI**.
- 12 If appropriate, we will share your information with parents/carers and pupils where this is related to your professional duties, such as information about the subjects you teach - **LO, PI, ESP, SPI**.
- 13 We may need to share your information if there is an emergency, for example, if you are hurt in an accident - **LO, PI, ESP, MP, SPI**.
- 14 We will share information about you with the other schools in the Federation. For example, information about which pupils you teach and/or information relating to the pre-employment checks CLF has carried out - **PI, ESP, SPI**.
- 15 We sometimes use contractors to handle personal information on our behalf. The following are examples:
  - a) our payroll provider;
  - b) IT consultants who might access information about you when checking the security of our IT network; and
  - c) we use third party "cloud computing" to host systems and services and to store some information rather than the information being stored on hard drives located on a CLF site.
- 16 We may use information about you if we need this for research or historical purposes. For example, if we consider the information might be useful for gaining fresh insights into our employment practices or if someone wanted to write a book about the history of CLF - **LI**.

## 7. Transfers of your personal information overseas

We may send your information to countries which do not have the same level of protection for personal information as there is in the UK. For example, we may:

- a) store your information on cloud computer storage based overseas; or
- b) communicate with you using your work email address when you are overseas e.g. when you are on holiday or taking part in an overseas school trip.

The Information Commission has produced detailed guidance on International Data Transfers [which](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/dp-at-the-end-of-the-transition-period/data-protection-and-the-eu-in-detail/the-uk-gdpr/international-data-transfers/) can be found here - <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/dp-at-the-end-of-the-transition-period/data-protection-and-the-eu-in-detail/the-uk-gdpr/international-data-transfers/>

If the country that we are sending your information to is not on this list, or is not a country within the EEA (which means the European Union, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland) we will ensure that we have appropriate safeguards in place to protect your information.



## 8. For how long does the CLF keep staff personal information?

We keep your information for as long as we need to in relation to your employment. We will keep some information after you have left the CLF in case this is needed, for example, in relation to our legal obligations.

In exceptional circumstances we will keep your information for a longer time than usual but we would only do so if we had a good reason and only if we are allowed to do so under data protection law.

Please see our Record Retention Policy for information on how long we keep your personal information for. This can be found on our website here - <https://clf.uk/governance/policies/>.

## 9. Processing in line with your rights

You have a number of important rights regarding your information:

- **Rectification:** if information we hold about you is incorrect you can ask us to correct it.
- **Access:** you can also ask us what information we hold about you and be provided with a copy of it. This is commonly known as making a subject access request. We will also give you extra information, such as why we use this information about you, where it came from and what types of people we have sent it to. If requested, we will provide you with access to confidential employment references both received and written by us about you.
- **Deletion:** you can ask us to delete the information that we hold about you in certain circumstances. For example, where we no longer need the information.
- **Portability:** you can request the transfer of your information to you or to a third party in a format that can be read by computer. This applies where:
  - a. the information has been provided by you;
  - b. the basis that we are relying on to process your information is Consent or Contractual Obligation (please see "Our legal bases for using your information" above); and
  - c. the information is being processed by us on computer.
- **Object:** you may object to us using your information where:
  - we are using it for direct marketing purposes (e.g. to send you newsletters);
  - we are relying on either the legitimate interests or performance of a task carried out in the public interest basis to use it - please see the section 4 "Our legal bases for using your information" above; and
  - we are using it for historical or scientific research purposes or archiving purposes.
- **Restriction:** our use of information about you may be restricted in some cases. For example, if you tell us that the information is inaccurate we can only use it for limited purposes while we check its accuracy.

To exercise any of your rights you can submit your request by any convenient means, in particular by email to [dataprotection@clf.uk](mailto:dataprotection@clf.uk), in writing to The Data Protection Officer, Federation House, King's Oak Academy, Brook Road, Bristol BS15 4JT or by making a request directly to your line manager or the Central HR team.

## 10. Criminal offence information

We will only use information relating to criminal convictions and offences where the law allows us to do so. This will usually be where such processing is necessary to carry out our obligations or to exercise our rights.

Less commonly, we may use information relating to criminal convictions and offences where it is necessary in relation to legal claims, where it is necessary to protect your interests (or someone else's interests) and you are not capable of giving your consent, or where you have already made the information public.

### 11. Consent

We may ask for your consent to use your information in certain ways as an alternative to relying on any of the other legal bases set out in this Notice. For example, we may ask for your consent before taking or using some photographs and videos if the photograph or video is more intrusive and we cannot rely on our legitimate interests or it being in the public interest. If we ask for your consent to use your personal information you can withdraw this consent at any time. Any use of your information before you withdraw your consent remains valid. You can contact us by any convenient means if you would like to withdraw any consent given.

### 12. More than one basis

As you will see from this Notice, in some cases we may rely on more than one legal basis for a particular use of your information. In addition, we may move from one of the legal bases listed above to another as circumstances change. For example, as a safeguarding matter becomes more serious, we may start to rely on legal obligation to share personal information with the local authority in addition to the other legal bases which are noted for safeguarding purposes.

### 13. Data Protection Officer

The CLF has appointed a Data Protection Officer, with overall responsibility for data protection matters. The Data Protection Officer can be contacted at [dataprotection@clf.uk](mailto:dataprotection@clf.uk).

Each School and central team has a designated Data Protection Lead. The Data Protection Officer also works closely with the CLF Governance team in relation to some data protection functions. Together the Data Protection Officer, Data Protection Leads and Governance team are referred to as the **Data Protection Team**. All queries concerning data protection matters should be raised with an appropriate member of the Data Protection Team, this will often be the Data Protection Lead in the first instance.

If you would like any further information about anything within this Notice please contact the Data Protection Officer by emailing [dataprotection@clf.uk](mailto:dataprotection@clf.uk) or by writing to The Data Protection Officer, Federation House, King's Oak Academy, Brook Road, Bristol BS15 4JT.

If you consider that we have not acted properly when using your personal information, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office via their website - <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>.

### 14. Further information

This Staff Privacy Notice does not, and is not intended to, give you any rights which you did not already have. For example, it does not give you any additional employment or contractual rights.