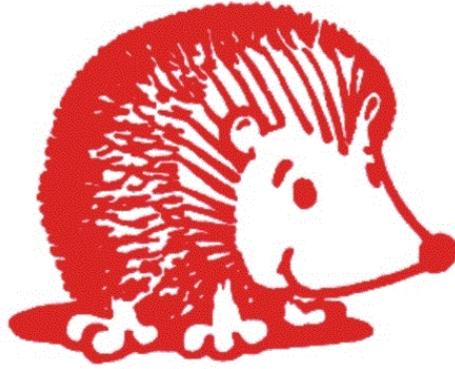


Le Hérisson School



Data Protection Policy

Reviewed by the Proprietor, March 2017

Introduction

Le Herisson School collects and uses personal information about staff, pupils, parents and other individuals who come into contact with the school. This information is gathered in order to enable the school to provide education and other associated functions. In addition, there may be a legal requirement to collect and use information to ensure that the school complies with its statutory obligations.

Schools have a duty to be registered, as Data Controllers, with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) detailing the information held and its use. These details are then available on the ICO's website. Schools also have a duty to issue a Fair Processing Notice to all pupils/parents, this summarises the information held on pupils, why it is held and the other parties to whom it may be passed on.

Purpose

This policy is intended to ensure that personal information is dealt with correctly and securely and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, and other related legislation. It will apply to information regardless of the way it is collected, used, recorded, stored and destroyed, and irrespective of whether it is held in paper files or electronically.

All staff involved with the collection, processing and disclosure of personal data will be aware of their duties and responsibilities by adhering to these guidelines. In the event of any breach of information security, no matter how minor, it must immediately be reported to the **Proprietor, Maria Frost**, to enable appropriate investigation and, if necessary a review of the adequacy of existing information security measures.

Personal Information

Personal information or data is defined as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data, or other information held.

Data Protection Principles

The Data Protection Act 1998 establishes eight enforceable principles that must be adhered to at all times:

1. Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully;
2. Personal data shall be obtained only for one or more specified and lawful purposes;
3. Personal data shall be adequate, relevant and not excessive;
4. Personal data shall be accurate and where necessary, kept up to date;
5. Personal data processed for any purpose shall not be kept for longer than is necessary for that purpose or those purposes;
6. Personal data shall be processed in accordance with the rights of data subjects under the

Data Protection Act 1998;

7. Personal data shall be kept secure i.e. protected by an appropriate degree of security;

8. Personal data shall not be transferred to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, unless that country or territory ensures an adequate level of data protection.

General Statement

The school is committed to maintaining the above principles at all times. Therefore the school will:

- Inform individuals why the information is being collected when it is collected
- Inform individuals when their information is shared, and why and with whom it was shared
- Check the quality and the accuracy of the information it holds
- Ensure that information is not retained for longer than is necessary
- Ensure that when obsolete information is destroyed that it is done so appropriately and securely
- Ensure that clear and robust safeguards are in place to protect personal information from loss, theft and unauthorised disclosure, irrespective of the format in which it is recorded
- Share information with others only when it is legally appropriate to do so
- Set out procedures to ensure compliance with the duty to respond to requests for access to personal information, known as Subject Access Requests
- Ensure our staff are aware of and understand our policies and procedures

Complaints

Complaints will be dealt with in accordance with the school's complaints policy. Complaints relating to information handling may be referred to the Information Commissioner (the statutory regulator).

Review

This policy will be reviewed as it is deemed appropriate, but no less frequently than every 2 years. The policy review will be undertaken by the Manager or nominated representative.

Contacts

If you have any enquires in relation to this policy, please contact the school and speak to the **Proprietor, Mrs Maria Frost**, who will act as the contact point for any subject access requests.

Further advice and information is available from the Information Commissioner's Office, www.ico.gov.uk or telephone 01625 545745 3

Procedure for responding to subject access

All subject access requests will be responded to promptly and dealt with within 40 calendar days. Please note that Le Herisson is not exempt from disclosing personal data for the following reasons:

- Crime and taxation
- Regulatory activity
- Publicly available information
- Disclosures required by law
- Legal advice and proceedings
- Confidential references
- Management information
- Negotiations
- Journalism, literature and art
- Domestic purposes

Rights of access to information

There are two distinct rights of access to information held by schools about pupils.

1. Under the Data Protection Act 1998 any individual has the right to make a request to access the personal information held about them.
2. The right of those entitled to have access to curricular and educational records as defined within the Education Pupil Information (Wales) Regulations 2004.

These procedures relate to subject access requests made under the Data Protection Act 1998.

Actioning a subject access request

1. Requests for information must be made in writing; which includes email, and be addressed to **Mrs Maria Frost**. If the initial request does not clearly identify the information required, then further enquiries will be made.
2. The identity of the requestor must be established before the disclosure of any information, and checks should also be carried out regarding proof of relationship to the child. Evidence of identity can be established by requesting production of:
 - passport
 - driving licence
 - utility bills with the current address
 - Birth / Marriage certificate
 - P45/P60
 - Credit Card or Mortgage statement
3. The school may make a charge for the provision of information, dependent upon the following:

- Should the information requested contain the educational record then the amount charged will be dependent upon the number of pages provided.
- Should the information requested be personal information that does not include any information contained within educational records schools can charge up to £10 to provide it.
- If the information requested is only the educational record viewing will be free, but a charge not exceeding the cost of copying the information can be made by the Manager.

4. The response time for subject access requests, once officially received, is 40 days **(not working or school days but calendar days, irrespective of school holiday periods)**. However the 40 days will not commence until after receipt of fees or clarification of information sought

5. The Data Protection Act 1998 allows exemptions as to the provision of some information; **therefore all information will be reviewed prior to disclosure.**

6. Third party information is that which has been provided by another, such as the Police, Local Authority, Health Care professional or another school. Consent will be disclosed before disclosing third party information. Le Herisson will still a need to adhere to the 40 day statutory timescale during this process.

7. Any information which may cause serious harm to the physical or mental health or emotional condition of the pupil or another will not be disclosed, nor will information that would reveal that the child is at risk of abuse, or information relating to court proceedings.

8. If there are concerns over the disclosure of information then additional advice will be sought.

10. Where redaction (information blacked out/removed) has taken place then a full copy of the information provided will be retained in order to establish, if a complaint is made, what was redacted and why.

11. Information disclosed will be clear, thus any codes or technical terms will be clarified and explained. If information contained within the disclosure is difficult to read or illegible, then it will be retyped.

12. Information will be provided at the school with a member of staff on hand to help and explain matters if requested, or provided at face to face handover. The views of the applicant will be taken into account when considering the method of delivery. If postal systems have to be used we will use registered/recorded mail.

Complaints

Complaints about the above procedures should be made to the **Proprietor, Mrs Maria Frost**, who will decide whether it is appropriate for the complaint to be dealt with in accordance with the school's complaint procedure.

Complaints which are not appropriate to be dealt with through the school's complaint procedure can be dealt with by the Information Commissioner. Contact details of both will be provided with the disclosure information.

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