

Data Protection Policy

The Green Room Foundation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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The public good is in nothing more essentially interested, than in the protection of every individual's private rights - Blackstone

The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) / Data Protection Act 2018 has been considered in the drafting of this policy. Being an alternative educational provision, The Green Room Foundation needs to collect data and information and also use that data and information. Personal data is typically gathered from students, parents/carers and staff but can include others associated with The Green Room Foundation. The purpose of data collection is always to aid the betterment of the Foundation and subsequently the students themselves. Data will never be gathered unnecessarily. Data collection is a legal issue and The Green Room Foundation will be required to comply with said legal guidelines.

The Green Room Foundation is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office. The following policy outlines The Green Room Foundation's approach to Data Protection.

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1. Purpose

This policy establishes an effective, acceptable and transparent framework for ensuring compliance with the requirements of the UK GDPR.

Personal information needs to be handled securely and correctly, it is the purpose of this policy to ensure that. This policy applies to any and all data collected by The Green Room Foundation and ultimately will aid the learning of students and allow staff to monitor and report on student progress.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all The Green Room Foundation employees and all third parties responsible for the processing of personal data on behalf of The Green Room Foundation.

3. The Rights of Data Subjects

- the right to be informed
- the right of access
- the right to rectification
- the right to erasure (some of these rights are not going to apply due to other conditions set out in the Lawful Basis Section)
- the right to restrict processing
- the right to data portability
- the right to object
- rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.

4. The Data Protection Principles

Under the UK GDPR, the data protection principles set out the main responsibilities for organisations.

Article 5 of the UK GDPR requires that personal data shall be:

- “a) processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals;
- b) collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes;

- c) adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed;
- d) accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased or rectified without delay;
- e) kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; personal data may be stored for longer periods insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational measures required by the UK GDPR in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals; and
- f) processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.”

Article 5(2) requires that:

“the controller shall be responsible for, and be able to demonstrate, compliance with the principles.”

4. Lawful, Fair, and Transparent Data Processing

Personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject. This means The Green Room Foundation must tell the data subject what processing will occur, (transparency) the processing must match the description given to the data subject (fairness) and must be for one of the purposes specified in the applicable data protection regulation (lawfulness).

The Green Room Foundation processes personal data primarily under the lawful bases of public task and legal obligation, particularly in relation to the provision of education, safeguarding, attendance, welfare, behaviour management, and statutory reporting.

These activities are necessary for The Green Room Foundation to perform its functions as an alternative educational provision and to meet its legal and safeguarding responsibilities.

Consent is used only where the processing is optional and not required for the performance of our public task or legal obligations, for example in relation to marketing materials, use of photographs on the website or social media, or participation in optional activities. Where consent is relied upon, it may be withdrawn at any time.

Our GRC premises is based at The Swan in Clewer, which uses CCTV throughout the public areas. Green Room students need to access the provision through areas which are covered by

CCTV, and participate in activities in public areas covered by CCTV, for example in the courtyard and the pub and Coach House. The 'School House' and technical suite DO NOT have CCTV inside the rooms. The Swan processes CCTV data under the lawful basis of **public task** and **legitimate interests**, for the purposes of public safety, safeguarding of students, protection of property, and prevention and detection of crime. Please refer to The Swan CIC Data Protection Impact Assessment and Data Protection Policy.

Signs are displayed around The Swan informing data subjects they are being filmed and parents/carers are informed during their induction that sometimes their child will be in an area covered by CCTV and sign the consent form in the Student Privacy Policy.

5. Specified, Explicit, and Legitimate Purposes

Personal data must only be collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a way incompatible with those purposes. This means The Green Room Foundation must specify exactly what the personal data collected is for and limit the processing of that personal data to only what is necessary to meet the specific need.

6. Adequate, Relevant, and Limited Data Processing

Personal data shall be adequate, relevant and limited only in relation to the purposes for which they are processed. This means The Green Room Foundation will not store any personal data beyond strictly required (see [Data Retention Schedule](#))

7. Accuracy of Data and Keeping Data Up-to-Date

Personal data must be accurate and kept up to date. This means The Green Room Foundation will identify and address out of date, incorrect and redundant personal data. This will take place in a yearly audit in the last month of the provision year. Personal data shall be kept in a form which enables identity of the data subject for no longer than necessary for the purpose for which the data was originally needed. This means The Green Room must wherever possible store personal data which limits or prevents identification of the data subject. Please see [Data Retention Schedule](#) and [Data Destruction Checklist](#)

For CCTV data please see the Swan CIC Data Retention policy

8. Data Retention

Please see [Data Retention Policy](#) and [Data Retention Schedule](#)

Responsibility for overseeing data retention and disposal sits with the Head of Provision/ Provision Managers and the Data Protection Officer/ HR dept. Retention schedules are reviewed regularly to ensure they remain compliant with legal, regulatory and operational requirements

9. Secure Processing

Personal data shall be processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss or damage. The Green Room uses appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of personal data is maintained at all times. All data is stored either in Arbor Education or Google G-Suite for education. Some of the systems used by The Green Room Foundation are cloud-based services. These providers operate globally, and in limited circumstances personal data may be accessed or processed outside the United Kingdom. Where this occurs, appropriate safeguards are in place to ensure compliance with UK GDPR.

CCTV Data - please see The Swan CIC Data Protection Policy

10. Accountability and Record-Keeping

The Data Controller shall be responsible for and be able to demonstrate compliance. This means The Green Room Foundation must demonstrate how the data protection principles outlined above apply to the personal data for which it is responsible. Please see [Accountability Documentation](#)

11. Data Protection Impact Assessments

Please see [Data Protection Impact Assessment Policy](#) and [DPIA Template](#)

12. Keeping Data Subjects Informed

The Green Room Foundation provides clear and transparent privacy information to students, parents/carers, staff and other data subjects.

Privacy information is provided to parents/carers and, where appropriate, in an age-appropriate format for students, in line with the ICO Children's Code and safeguarding best practice.

- [Pupils and Parents](#) / [Workforce](#)

13. Data Subject Access

Please see [Subject Access Request Policy](#) and [Subject Access Request Form](#)

14. Rectification of Personal Data

The UK GDPR includes a right for individuals to have inaccurate personal data rectified, or completed if it is incomplete. An individual can make a request for rectification verbally or in writing but preferably via the [Data Rectification Form](#). The Green Room will respond within one calendar month to the request.

In certain circumstances we have the right to refuse a request for rectification. This right is closely linked to the controller's obligations under the accuracy principle of the UK GDPR (Article (5)(1)(d)).

Please use the [Data Rectification Form](#)

15. Erasure of Personal Data

Under Article 17 of the UK GDPR individuals have the right to have personal data erased. This is also known as the 'right to be forgotten'. The right is not absolute and only applies in certain circumstances.

When does the right to erasure apply?

Individuals have the right to have their personal data erased if:

- the personal data is no longer necessary for the purpose which The Green Room originally collected or processed it for;
- The Green Room is relying on consent as our lawful basis for holding the data, and the individual withdraws their consent;
- The Green Room is relying on legitimate interests as our basis for processing, the individual objects to the processing of their data, and there is no overriding legitimate interest to continue this processing;
- The Green Room is processing the personal data for direct marketing purposes and the individual objects to that processing;
- The Green Room has processed the personal data unlawfully (ie in breach of the lawfulness requirement of the 1st principle);
- The Green Room has to do it to comply with a legal obligation; or
- The Green Room has processed the personal data to offer information society services to a child.

An individual can make a request for the right to erasure verbally or in writing but preferably via the [Data Erasure Form](#)

When does the right to erasure not apply?

The right to erasure does not apply if processing is necessary for one of the following reasons:

- to exercise the right of freedom of expression and information;
- to comply with a legal obligation;
- for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority;
- for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific research historical research or statistical purposes where erasure is likely to render impossible or seriously impair the achievement of that processing; or
- for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

16. Restriction of Personal Data Processing

Article 18 of the UK GDPR gives individuals the right to restrict the processing of their personal data in certain circumstances. This means that an individual can limit the way that an organisation uses their data. This is an alternative to requesting the erasure of their data.

When does the right to restrict processing apply?

Individuals have the right to request you restrict the processing of their personal data in the following circumstances:

- the individual contests the accuracy of their personal data and The Green Room is verifying the accuracy of the data;
- the data has been unlawfully processed (ie in breach of the lawfulness requirement of the first principle of the UK GDPR) and the individual opposes erasure and requests restriction instead;
- The Green Room no longer needs the personal data but the individual needs The Green Room to keep it in order to establish, exercise or defend a legal claim; or
- The individual has objected to The Green Room processing their data under Article 21(1), and we are considering whether our legitimate grounds override those of the individual.

How do we restrict personal data?

The Green Room will temporarily restrict the record in Arbor, preventing users from accessing it. Images can be removed from the website and social media and accounts can be suspended in Google. For CCTV Data please see The Swan CIC Data Protection Policy.

When can we lift the restriction?

Once The Green Room has made a decision on the accuracy of the data, or whether our legitimate grounds override those of the individual, we may decide to lift the restriction.

However, the individual must be informed **before** we lift the restriction.

Making a request

An individual can make a request for restriction verbally or in writing, preferably by the [Data Restriction form](#). The Green Room will respond to such a request within one month.

NOTE: the right to erasure or restriction - whilst an individual is employed by or attending The Green Room, there may be data that we would not erase or restrict if requested if it would hamper our ability to perform our public task

17. Data Portability

The right to data portability gives individuals the right to receive personal data they have provided to a controller in a structured, commonly used and machine readable format. It also gives them the right to request that The Green Room transmits this data directly to another provision.

When does the right apply?

The right to data portability only applies when:

- The lawful basis for processing this information is consent or for the performance of a contract;
- We are carrying out the processing by automated means (ie excluding paper files).

What does the right apply to?

Information is only within the scope of the right to data portability if it is personal data of the individual that they have provided to The Green Room.

The right to data portability entitles an individual to:

- receive a copy of their personal data;
- have their personal data transmitted from one controller to another controller.

An individual should make the request in writing, preferably via the [Data Portability Request form](#). The Green Room will respond within one month.

The Green Room will:

The Green Room will provide from Arbor a Common Transfer File (CTF) to provide data to another controller or will provide a Data Collection Sheet in a pdf format to the individual.

18. Objections to Data Processing

Article 21 of the UK GDPR gives individuals the right to object to the processing of their personal data. This effectively allows individuals to ask The Green Room to stop processing their personal data.

The right to object only applies in certain circumstances. Whether it applies depends on The Green Room's purposes for processing and our lawful basis for processing. An individual can ask The Green Room to stop processing their personal data for direct marketing purposes at any time. This is an absolute right and there are no exemptions or grounds for refusal.

The Green Room obtains consent from individuals to process their data for the specific purposes of either providing an education or a place of employment and for safeguarding purposes and to object to the processing of personal data would hamper our ability to perform our public task.

19. Personal Data Collected, Held, and Processed

Please see [Privacy Policy Workforce](#) and [Privacy Policy Pupil/Parent](#)

20. Data Security

Article 5(1)(f) of the UK GDPR concerns the 'integrity and confidentiality' of personal data. It says that personal data shall be:

'Processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures'

Storage

Student, parent/carer and staff data is held in our system - Arbor Education.

Each user is issued with a unique and secure password, with permission-based access ensuring that they can only view the data relevant to them. No data is stored on any device, and Arbor automatically logs out after a period of inactivity. Arbor uses bank-grade, end-to-end, 256bit SSL encryption to ensure only we can see our data. Student data is NEVER shared with third parties without The Green Room Foundations' consent.

Emails, photos, the website, apps and all of The Green Room documents are stored in our G Suite for Education which is UK GDPR compliant.

CCTV data is stored at The Swan Pub. Please see The Swan CIC Data Protection Policy.

Artificial intelligence

We do not input, store, or process personal data using Artificial Intelligence systems. If we use AI tools to assist with administration, such as scheduling, data management, reporting or minuting online meetings, all personal information will be redacted from the minutes and final checks will be made by a member of staff.

The Green Room Foundation does **not** use artificial intelligence for automated decision-making or profiling of students or staff.

All AI usage aligns with our commitment to data protection and privacy. For further details on how we use AI, please refer to our [AI Policy](#)

Use of Lightspeed Filtering and Monitoring System

To ensure a safe and secure digital environment, The Green Room uses Lightspeed Filtering and Monitoring System. This system helps protect users by:

- **Filtering web content** to block harmful or inappropriate material in line with our safeguarding policies.
- **Monitoring online activity** to detect and prevent potential security threats, cyberbullying, or safeguarding concerns.
- **Ensuring compliance** with data protection regulations by applying strict access controls and data retention policies.

Lightspeed operates in accordance with applicable data protection laws, and no personal data is used for profiling or automated decision-making. Data collected through this system is securely

managed and only accessed by authorised staff - Heads of Provision or DSLs for safeguarding and security purposes.

All staff are responsible for ensuring that:

- Any personal data which they hold is kept securely. Personal information is not disclosed either orally or in writing or accidentally or otherwise to any unauthorised third party.
- Staff should note that unauthorised disclosure and/or failure to adhere to the requirements set out below will usually be a disciplinary matter, and may be considered gross misconduct in some cases.
- Personal information should be kept in a locked cupboard or in a locked drawer; or if it is computerised, be password protected; or when kept or in transit on portable media the files themselves must be password protected.
- Personal data should never be stored at staff members' homes, whether in manual or electronic form, on laptop computers or other personal portable devices or at other remote sites. Ordinarily, personal data should not be processed at staff members' homes, whether in manual or electronic form, on laptop computers or other personal portable devices or at other remote sites. In cases where such off-site processing is felt to be necessary or appropriate, the agreement of the Head of Provision must be obtained, and all the security guidelines given in this document must still be followed.
- Data stored on portable electronic devices or removable media is the responsibility of the individual member of staff who operates the equipment. It is the responsibility of this individual to ensure that: Suitable backups of the data exist; Sensitive data is appropriately encrypted; Sensitive data is not copied onto portable storage devices without first consulting the data protection officer in regard to appropriate encryption and protection measures. Electronic devices such as laptops, mobile devices and computer media (USB devices, CD's etc) that contain sensitive data are NOT left unattended when offsite.
- For some information the risks of failure to provide adequate security may be so high that it should never be taken home. This might include payroll information, addresses of students and staff, disciplinary or appraisal records or bank account details. Exceptions to this may only be with the explicit agreement of the Head of Provision.

Disposal

A data audit is carried out in the last month of the provision year. Data is removed in accordance with our [Data Retention Schedule](#). All records containing personal information, or sensitive policy information should be made either unreadable or unreconstructable.

- Paper records should be shredded
- CDs / DVDs / Floppy Disks should be cut into pieces
- Hard Disks should be dismantled and sanded
- Electronic files should be deleted

Please also read The Green Room Foundation Security Policy

21. Data Breach Notification

Please see [Data Breach Policy](#) and [Data Breach Log](#)

22. Implementation of Policy

The Head of Provision and the Data Protection Officer will ensure that all Green Room employees responsible for the processing of personal data are aware of and comply with the contents of this policy. In addition they will ensure all third parties engaged to process personal data on behalf of The Green Room are aware of and comply with the contents of this policy. Assurance of which must be obtained from all third parties prior to granting access to the personal data controlled by The Green Room Foundation.

This policy is approved by the CEO of The Green Room Foundation

CEO

Date
