



Employee Privacy Notice

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The Bath & Wells Multi Academy Trust (hereafter referred to as the BWMAT) collects and processes personal data relating to its employees to manage the employment relationship. The BWMAT is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

What information does the BWMAT collect?

The BWMAT collects and processes a range of information about you. This includes:

- Your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number, date of birth and gender;
- The terms and conditions of your employment;
- Details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history, including start and end dates, with previous employers and with the BWMAT;
- Information about your remuneration, including entitlement to benefits such as pensions or insurance cover;
- Details of your bank account and national insurance number;
- Information about your marital status, next of kin, dependants and emergency contacts;
- Information about your nationality and entitlement to work in the UK;
- Information about your criminal record;
- Details of your schedule (days of work and working hours) and attendance at work;
- Details of periods of leave taken by you, including holiday, sickness absence, family leave and sabbaticals, and the reasons for the leave;
- Details of any disciplinary or grievance procedures in which you have been involved, including any warnings issued to you and related correspondence;
- Details of any safeguarding related issues or allegations;
- Assessments of your performance, including appraisals, performance reviews and ratings, training you have participated in, performance improvement plans and related correspondence;
- Information about medical or health conditions, including whether or not you have a disability for which the BWMAT needs to make reasonable adjustments;
- Details of trade union membership; and
- Equal opportunities monitoring information, including information about your ethnic origin, sexual orientation, health and religion or belief.

The BWMAT collects this information in a variety of ways. For example, data is collected through application forms or CVs; obtained from your passport or other identity documents such as your driving licence; from forms completed by you at the start of or during

employment; from correspondence with you; or through interviews, meetings or other assessments.

In most cases, the BWMAT collects personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers, information from employment background check providers, information from credit reference agencies and information from criminal records checks permitted by law.

Data is stored in a range of different places, including in your personnel file and in IT systems (including the BWMAT's email system).

Why does the BWMAT process personal data?

The BWMAT needs to process data to enter into an employment contract with you and to meet its obligations under your employment contract. For example, it needs to process your data to provide you with an employment contract, to pay you in accordance with your employment contract and to administer benefits and pensions.

In most cases, the BWMAT needs to process data to ensure that it is complying with its legal obligations. For example, it is required to check an employee's entitlement to work in the UK, to deduct tax, to comply with health and safety laws and to enable employees to take periods of leave to which they are entitled. For most positions, it is necessary to carry out pre-employment checks including criminal records checks to ensure that individuals are permitted and suitable to undertake the role in question.

In other cases, the BWMAT has a legitimate interest in processing personal data before, during and after the end of the employment relationship.

Processing employee data allows the BWMAT to:

- Carry out recruitment and promotion processes;
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date employment records and contact details (including details of who to contact in the event of an emergency), and records of employee contractual and statutory rights;
- Operate and keep a record of disciplinary and grievance processes, to ensure acceptable conduct within the workplace;
- Operate and keep a record of employee performance and related processes, to plan for career development, and for succession planning and workforce management purposes;
- Operate and keep a record of absence and absence management procedures, to allow effective workforce management and ensure that employees are receiving the pay or other benefits to which they are entitled;
- Obtain occupational health advice, to ensure that it complies with duties in relation to individuals with disabilities, meet its obligations under health and safety law, and ensure that employees are receiving the pay or other benefits to which they are entitled;
- Operate and keep a record of other types of leave (including maternity, paternity, adoption, parental and shared parental leave), to allow effective workforce management, to ensure that the BWMAT complies with duties in relation to leave entitlement, and to ensure that employees are receiving the pay or other benefits to which they are entitled;
- Ensure effective general HR and business administration;
- Provide references on request for current or former employees;
- Respond to and defend against legal claims;

- Share all relevant information relating to safeguarding concerns or allegations, and
- Maintain and promote equality in the workplace.

Where the BWMAT relies on legitimate interests as a reason for processing data, it has considered whether or not those interests are overridden by the rights and freedoms of employees or workers and has concluded that they are not.

Some special categories of personal data, such as information about health or medical conditions, is processed to carry out employment law obligations (such as those in relation to employees with disabilities and for health and safety purposes). Information about trade union membership is processed to allow the BWMAT to operate check-off for union subscriptions.

Where the BWMAT processes other special categories of personal data, such as information about ethnic origin, sexual orientation, health or religion or belief, this is done for the purposes of equal opportunities monitoring.

Who has access to data?

Your information will be shared internally, including with members of the HR, recruitment and payroll team, members of the school office team in which you work, your line manager, the Headteacher of the school in which you work, managers in the business area in which you work and IT staff if access to the data is necessary for performance of their roles.

The BWMAT shares your data with third parties in order to obtain pre-employment references from other employers, obtain employment background checks from third-party providers and obtain necessary criminal records checks from the Disclosure and Barring Service. The BWMAT may also share your data with third parties in the context of a transfer of a school or service to another provider/employer. In those circumstances the data will be subject to confidentiality arrangements.

The BWMAT also shares your data with third parties that process data on its behalf, in connection with payroll, the provision of benefits, pensions, the provision of occupational health services and IT systems.

Some of your data may be transferred to countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA) for example when obtaining a reference from an employer outside of this area. Compliance with data protection law will be maintained for any third-party processing outside of the EEA.

How does the BWMAT protect data?

The BWMAT takes the security of your data seriously. The BWMAT has internal policies and controls in place to try to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by its employees in the performance of their duties. The BWMAT has a specific Data Protection Policy and Freedom of Information Policy outlining specific details.

Where the BWMAT engages third parties to process personal data on its behalf, they do so on the basis of written instructions, are under a duty of confidentiality and are obliged to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of data.

For how long does the BWMAT keep data?

The BWMAT will hold your personal data for the duration of your employment. The periods for which your data is held after the end of employment are detailed in the BWMAT's Records Retention Document.

Your rights

As a data subject, you have a number of rights. You can:

- Access and obtain a copy of your data on request;
- Require the BWMAT to change incorrect or incomplete data;
- Require the BWMAT to delete or stop processing your data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing;
- Object to the processing of your data where the BWMAT is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing; and
- Ask the BWMAT to stop processing data for a period if data is inaccurate or there is a dispute about whether or not your interests override the BWMAT's legitimate grounds for processing data.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact the Headteacher of the School in which you work or the BWMAT HR Department. You can make a subject access request in writing or by email.

If you believe that the BWMAT has not complied with your data protection rights, you can complain to the Information Commissioner.

What if you do not provide personal data?

You have some obligations under your employment contract to provide the BWMAT with data. In particular, you are required to report absences from work and may be required to provide information about disciplinary or other matters under the implied duty of good faith. You may also have to provide the BWMAT with data in order to exercise your statutory rights, such as in relation to statutory leave entitlements. Failing to provide the data may mean that you are unable to exercise your statutory rights.

Certain information, such as contact details, your right to work in the UK and payment details, have to be provided to enable the BWMAT to enter a contract of employment with you. If you do not provide other information, this will hinder the BWMAT's ability to administer the rights and obligations arising as a result of the employment relationship efficiently.

Automated decision-making

Employment decisions are not based solely on automated decision-making.