



Recruitment Privacy Policy

Data protection privacy notice (recruitment)

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This notice explains what personal data (information) we will hold about you, how we collect it, and how we will use and may share information about you during the application process. It applies to all individuals applying for a position at the School, including positions as a member of staff (full time or part time), contractors, workers, governors, volunteers and peripatetic staff. We are required to notify you of this information, under data protection legislation. Please ensure that you read this notice (sometimes referred to as a 'privacy notice') and any other similar notice we may provide to you from time to time when we collect or process personal information about you.

1. Who collects the information

Tower House School ('School') is a 'controller' in relation to personal data and gathers and uses certain information about you. This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use your personal information.

The school's contact details are:

Tower House School Charitable Foundation, 188 Sheen Lane, London SW14 8LF

2. Data protection principles

We will comply with the data protection principles when gathering and using personal information, as set out in our Staff Data Protection Policy. This means that your data will be:

- Used lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way.
- Collected only for valid purposes that we have clearly explained to you and not used in a way that is incompatible with those purposes.
- Relevant to the purposes we have told you about and limited only to those purposes.
- Accurate and kept up to date.
- Kept only as long as necessary for the purposes we have told you about.
- Kept safely and securely.

3. About the information we collect and hold

The table in Part 1 of the Schedule below summarises the information we collect and hold, up to and including the shortlisting stage of the recruitment process, how and why we do so, how we use it and with whom it may be shared.

The table in Part 2 of the Schedule below summarises the additional information we collect before making a final decision to recruit, ie before making an offer of employment unconditional, how and why we do so, how we use it and with whom it may be shared.

We seek to ensure that our information collection and processing is always proportionate and necessary for specific legitimate purposes. We will notify you of any changes to information we collect or to the purposes for which we collect and process it.

4. Where information may be held

Information may be held on school premises in our filing systems and on our servers. It may also be held by third party agencies, service providers and representatives.

5. How long we keep your information

We keep the personal information that we obtain about you during the recruitment process for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which it is processed. How long we keep your information will depend on whether your application, or the application you are supporting (eg as a referee) is successful and you (the job applicant) become employed by us, the nature of the information concerned and the purposes for which it is processed.

We will keep recruitment information (including interview notes) for no longer than is reasonable, taking into account the limitation periods for potential claims such as race or sex discrimination (as extended to take account of early conciliation), after which they will be destroyed. This is likely to be for six months from the communication of the outcome of the recruitment exercise which takes account of both the time limit to bring claims and for claims to be received by the School. If there is a clear business reason for keeping recruitment records for longer than the recruitment period, we may do so but will first consider whether the records can be pseudonymised, and the longer period for which they will be kept.

If you are an applicant and your application is successful and you join the School, we will keep only the recruitment information that is necessary in relation to your employment. For further information, see the Staff Privacy Notice. Further details on our approach to information retention is available in our Data Retention Policy.

6. Your data rights to correct and access your information and to ask for it to be erased

Please contact the Head, who can be contacted head@thsboys.org.uk if (in accordance with applicable law) you would like to correct or request access to information that we hold relating to you or if you have any questions about this notice. You also have the right to ask the Head for some but not all of the information we hold and process to be erased (the 'right to be forgotten') or not used in certain circumstances. The Head will provide you with further information about your data rights, if you ask for it. You may also wish to read the Privacy Notice which provides more detail on this.

7. Keeping your personal information secure

We have appropriate security measures in place to prevent personal information from being accidentally lost, or used or accessed in an unauthorised way. This includes personal information being locked away, password protected or encrypted. We limit access to your personal information to those who have a genuine business need to know it. Those processing your information will do so only in an authorised manner and are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We also have procedures in place to deal with any suspected data security breach. We will notify you and any applicable regulator of a suspected data security breach where we are legally required to do so.

8. How to complain

The Head oversees compliance with this privacy notice. We hope that the Head can resolve any query or concern you raise about our use of your information. If not, contact the [Information Commissioner](#) or telephone 0303 123 1113 for further information about your rights and how to make a formal complaint.

9. Schedule about the information we collect and hold

Part 1 - Up to and including the shortlisting stage

The information we collect	How we collect the information	Why we collect the information	How we use and may share the information
Your current and any former names, title, date of birth, gender, national insurance number, and contact details (i.e. current address, home and mobile phone numbers, email address)	From you	Legitimate interest: to carry out a fair recruitment process Legitimate interest: to progress your application, arrange interviews and inform you of the outcome at all stages	To enable HR personnel or the manager of the relevant department to contact you to progress your application, arrange interviews and inform you of the outcome. To inform the relevant manager or department of your application

Details of your qualifications, experience, employment history (including job titles, salary and working hours) and interests	From you, in the completed application form and interview notes (if relevant)	Legitimate interest: to carry out a fair recruitment process Legitimate interest: to make an informed decision to shortlist for interview and (if relevant) to recruit	To make an informed recruitment decision Both the person making the shortlisting decision and, if you are invited for interview, the interviewer will receive these details.
Your name, contact details and details of your qualifications, experience, employment history and interests	From you, in the completed application form and interview notes (if relevant)	Legitimate interest: to carry out a fair recruitment process Consent (if given): if you are unsuccessful in your application, your details may be passed on to an associated School to see if they have any suitable vacancies	To see whether an associated School has any suitable vacancies
Information that is publicly available online through online searches	From standard online searches using a web browser, website or social media platform.	Legitimate interest: to form part of the school's wider safeguarding due diligence. Legitimate interest: to make an informed decision to shortlist for interview and recruit. To comply with our legal obligations including those contained in the statutory guidance for schools: KCSIE	To make an informed recruitment decision. Search results will be reviewed and, if appropriate, explored with the applicant at interview. To comply with legal/regulatory obligations.
Details of your referees	From your completed application form	Legitimate interest: to carry out a fair recruitment process To comply with our legal obligations to request references.	To carry out a fair recruitment process To comply with legal/regulatory obligations Information shared with relevant managers, HR personnel and the referee
Criminal Record Information or information that would make you unsuitable to work with children	From your self-declaration form	Legitimate interests: to carry out a fair recruitment process including giving candidates the opportunity to discuss their disclosure with the School before a DBS check is obtained. To comply with our legal obligations including those contained in the statutory guidance for schools: Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE). For reasons of substantial public interest (preventing or detecting unlawful acts, and protecting the public against dishonesty)	To make an informed recruitment decision and given candidates the opportunity to discuss their disclosure with the School. To comply with legal/regulatory obligations

Part 2 - Before making a final decision to recruit

The information we collect	How we collect the information	Why we collect the information	How we use and may share the information
Information about your previous academic and/or employment history, including details of any conduct, grievance or performance issues, appraisals, time and attendance, the reason you left your current or most recent post, and facts of any substantiated safeguarding concerns/allegations that meet the harms threshold under statutory guidance KCSIE, from references obtained about you from previous employers and/or education providers <input type="checkbox"/>	From your referees (details of whom you will have provided)	Legitimate interest: to make an informed decision to recruit To comply with our legal obligations including those in KCSIE Legitimate interests: to maintain employment records and to comply with legal, regulatory and governance obligations and good employment practice.	To obtain the relevant reference about you To comply with legal/regulatory obligations Information shared with relevant managers and HR personnel
In respect of applicants for teaching positions who have lived or worked outside the UK, information about any sanctions or restrictions and/or any circumstances impacting your suitability to teach <input type="checkbox"/>	From a letter from the professional regulating authority in the country (or countries) in which you have worked	Legitimate interest: to make an informed decision to recruit. To comply with our legal obligations including those contained in the statutory guidance for schools: Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE). Legitimate interests: to maintain employment records and to comply with legal, regulatory and governance obligations and good employment practice.	To comply with legal/regulatory obligations Information shared with relevant managers and HR personnel Information shared with DBS and other regulatory authorities as required.
Information regarding your academic and	From you, from your education provider,	Legitimate interest: to verify the qualifications information provided by	To make an informed recruitment decision.

professional qualifications <input type="checkbox"/>	from the relevant professional body	you. To comply with our legal obligations.	
Information regarding your criminal record, in criminal records certificates (CRCs) and enhanced criminal records certificates (ECRCs) in accordance with the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended) and, where appropriate, overseas criminal record checks <input type="checkbox"/>	From the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). From overseas jurisdictions in accordance with Home Office guidance. In respect of agency and third party staff (supply) from any agency or third-party organisation. In respect of fee-funded trainee teachers, from the initial teacher training provider	To perform the employment contract To comply with our legal obligations Legitimate interest: For reasons of substantial public interest (preventing or detecting unlawful acts, and protecting the public against dishonesty)	To make an informed recruitment decision To carry out statutory checks Information shared with DBS and other regulatory authorities as required For further information, see * below
Your nationality and immigration status and information from related documents, such as your passport or other identification and immigration information <input type="checkbox"/>	From you and, where necessary, the Home Office	To enter into/perform the employment contract To comply with our legal obligations Legitimate interest: to maintain employment records	To carry out right to work checks Information may be shared with the Home Office
A copy of your driving licence <input type="checkbox"/>	From you	To enter into/perform the employment contract To comply with our legal obligations To comply with the terms of our insurance	To make an informed recruitment decision To ensure that you have a clean driving licence Information may be shared with our insurer

You are required (by law or in order to enter into your contract of employment) to provide the categories of information marked '☐' above to us to enable us to verify your right to work and suitability for the position.

* Further details on how we handle sensitive personal information and information relating to criminal convictions and offences are set out in our Data Protection Policy, available from the Head of HR.

Approved and Signed by Chair of Governors

Name: Antony Phillips

Signature:  _____

Date: 1st July 2025

Tower House School is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.