



DATA PROTECTION AND CYBER SECURITY

PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Head Teacher
Approved by: Governors of AZBUKA Foundation
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We believe this policy should be a working document that is fit for purpose, represents the school ethos, enables consistency and quality across the school

We believe that all personal data covered by the Data Protection Act 1998 includes the school admission register, attendance registers, pupils' curricular records, assessment data, class lists, reports to parents, pupils' disciplinary records, school personnel files, school financial information, school strategic and school improvement plans, recorded CCTV footage (if applicable), pupils' family and home contact details, records of contractors and suppliers and records of pupils entering public examinations.

We hold personal information relating to pupils to support pupils' learning, monitor and report on their progress, provide appropriate pastoral care and assess the quality of our services.

We will ensure that under the Data Protection Act 1998 all school personnel are able to access their personal data that is held about them. We believe it is our duty to respond to any request of access within 40 days.

We will ensure a pupil's educational records will be made available to their parents or careers on receipt of a written request within 15 school days.

We aim to fulfill our obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998 and to protect the right of school personnel and pupils to privacy in line with the Act.

At Azbuka we are committed to protecting our digital environment and ensuring the safety of all users.

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010.

We believe it is essential that this policy clearly identifies and outlines the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the procedures and arrangements that is connected with this policy.

Aims

- To allow all school personnel their right to have access to their personal data.
- To allow all parents their right of access to their child's records.
- To protect all school personnel's right to privacy in line with the Data Protection Act 1998.
- To protect all pupils right to privacy in line with the Data Protection Act 1998.
- To ensure compliance with all relevant legislation connected to this policy.
- To work with other schools and the local authority to share good practice in order to improve this policy.

Responsibility for the Policy and Procedure

Role of the Governing Body/Trustees of AZBUKA Foundation

The Governing Body has:

- the responsibility to comply with the legal requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998;
- the responsibility to ensure data is processed in accordance with the eight principles of the Data Protection Act 1998;
- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher as 'Data Controller' for the school;
- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to ensure all school personnel and stakeholders are aware of and comply with this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;
- nominated a designated Equalities governor to ensure that appropriate action will be taken to deal with all prejudice related incidents or incidents which are a breach of this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring this policy and all policies are maintained and updated regularly;
- responsibility for ensuring all policies are made available to parents;

Role of the Headteacher

The Headteacher will:

- act as 'Data Controller' for the school;
- ensure the school complies with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the eight data protection principles;
- ensure all data is processed fairly and lawfully;
- ensure that the ICO registration is renewed annually;
- ensure security measures and confidential systems are in place to protect personal data and pupil records;
- ensure data is obtained for specific and lawful purposes;
- ensure data is adequate, relevant and not excessive;
- ensure all personal data is accurate and that inaccurate data is corrected or erased;
- ensure that at the beginning of every academic year all school personnel will receive a copy of their personal data;
- ensure procedures are in place to deal with requests for access to personal data;
- ensure data is not kept longer than is necessary;
- ensure school personnel are aware of their rights;
- ensure school personnel are aware of their responsibilities;
- ensure a pupil's educational records will be made available to their parents or carers on receipt of a written request within 15 school days;
- make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;
- work closely with the link governor;
- provide leadership and vision in respect of equality;
- provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy by speaking with pupils, school personnel, parents and governors;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

Role of School Personnel

School personnel will:

- comply with all aspects of this policy;
- be aware of all other linked policies;
- follow the safe and confidential system procedures that are in place to protect personal data and pupil records;
- receive a copy of their personal data at the beginning of every academic year;
- check this data and will inform the Data Controller of any mistakes;
- apply in writing for access to their personal data;
- comply and respect confidentiality of personal information at all times but especially when involved with interviewing new school personnel;
- provide accurate and up to date personal information;
- inform the school and the LA of any changes to their personal data
- implement the school's equalities policy and schemes;
- report and deal with all incidents of discrimination;
- attend appropriate training sessions on equality;
- report any concerns they have on any aspect of the school community

Data Protection Principles

Personal data must:

- be processed lawfully;
- be obtained and processed for specific and lawful purposes;
- be sufficient, appropriate and not excessive in relation to the precise purpose;
- be accurate and up to date;
- not be kept for a great length of time;
- be processed in agreement with the individual's legal rights;
- be protected against unlawful processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage;
- not be transferred outside the UK unless the rights and freedom of the individual is protected

Personal Information Relating to School Personnel

We hold the following information:

- address, contact details
- National Insurance numbers
- Bank account details, pay roll info
- ethnic group
- employment contracts
- remuneration details
- qualifications
- relevant medical information
- absence information

Personal Information Relating to Pupils

We hold the following information:

- contact details, addresses
- assessment results
- attendance information
- any exclusion information
- transferring school
- ethnic group
- any special needs
- relevant medical information

Security Measures

We work to ensure that computers and servers comply with all up to date Government regulations and are secure with:

- anti-virus software;
- fire wall software;
- passwords

All school personnel are trained to:

- be discreet and confidential;
- consider the safe and secure positioning of computers;
- turn off computers when not in use;
- remember password access;
- lock filing cabinets and doors to offices;
- shred confidential material;
- clear their desk before they leave school

Cyber security statement

Cyber incidents and attacks made by a person, group, or third party organisations outside or inside the school can lead to:

- safeguarding issues being compromised
- impact on student outcomes
- a significant data breach
- significant and lasting disruption to school operations
- financial loss
- reputational damage

At Azbuka we are committed to protecting our digital environment and ensuring the safety of all users. All staff, students, and governors must:

- Use strong, secure passwords and keep them private.
- Access school systems only through approved devices and platforms.
- Report any suspicious emails, messages, or activity immediately.
- Never share personal or sensitive data without permission.
- Work together with Active IT (contractor) to ensure relevant web content filtering systems in place and renewed regularly
- Complete regular cybersecurity awareness training (staff and governors).
- Supervise student internet use and encourage safe online habits.
- Review cyber security risk assessment regularly
- Ensure the procedures in place in case third party school contactors have suffered cyber attack
- Back up sensitive data, inc contacts of parents, students, contractors and other third party organisations

Together, we keep our school community safe, responsible, and secure online.

Disclosure of Data

Personal data cannot be disclosed to a third party without the consent of the individual except when it is legally required.

Requests for Access to Data

All requests from school personnel for access to their data must be made in writing on headed note paper and sent to the data controller.

Rights of Individuals

Individuals have rights to:

- know when their data is being processed, the reason it is being processed and the name of the person or organisation requesting the information;
- prevent processing which could be harmful to them or others;
- prevent the processing of their performance management records;
- go to court to prevent inaccurate data being used;
- be compensated if a data controller contravenes the Data Protection Act;

Individuals are not entitled to:

- copies of their references;
- information on pay reviews (if applicable);
- examination results until they have been released

Grievance Procedure

Any member of the school personnel who disputes any aspect of their personal data with the Data Controller has the right to take up the matter under the school's formal grievance procedures.

Rights of Parents, Carers and Pupils

Pupil's educational records will be made available to their parents or careers on receipt of a written request within 15 school days.

Pupil's may also request (in writing) access to their educational records.

Raising Awareness of this Policy

We will raise awareness of this policy via:

- the School information packs
- the school website and school office
- the school Newsletters
- open days
- meetings with parents such as introductory, transition, parent-teacher consultations and periodic curriculum workshops
- school events
- meetings with school personnel
- communications with home such as weekly newsletters and of end of half term newsletters
- reports such annual report to parents and Headteacher reports to the Governing Body
- information displays in the main school entrance

Training

All school personnel:

- have equal chances of training, career development and promotion
- receive training on this policy on induction which specifically covers:
 - ☐ Data Protection Act 1998
 - ☐ Freedom of Information 2000
 - ☐ Access to Personal Records
 - ☐ E-safety, Cyber security
 - ☐ Grievance Procedure
 - ☐ Equality
- receive periodic training/in house “training” info meetings, so that they are kept up to date with new information
- receive equal opportunities training on induction in order to improve their understanding of the Equality Act 2010 and its implications

Monitoring the Implementation and Effectiveness of the Policy

The practical application of this policy will be reviewed annually or when the need arises by the coordinator, the Headteacher and the nominated governor.

Complaint Form for the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (DUAA)

This form allows you to raise concerns about how **Azbuka Foundation** handles your personal data under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018, as amended by the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025. **We will acknowledge your complaint within 30 days and respond as soon as possible.**

Your personal information provided in this form will only be used to process your complaint and will be handled in accordance with our Data Protection policy.

After submission, you will receive an acknowledgement within 30 days. We aim to resolve your complaint promptly. If you are not satisfied with our response, you may contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at www.ico.org.uk. Further information on how to make a data protection complaint can be found at [Make a complaint](#) [ICO](#)

Please return this form to: [Azbuka, school office, Studland Hall, Studland Street, W6 0JS](#)

Your name:	
Your email:	
Your alternative contact method:	
Date of complaint:	
Categories of personal data affected: For example; unauthorised access, incorrect data, or lack of transparency etc.	
Description of complaint: Please describe your concern clearly. Include what happened, when it happened, and how you believe your personal data was mishandled.	
Supporting evidence: Attach any relevant documents (e.g. emails, screenshots, or other records).	
Desired outcome Please explain what you would like us to do to resolve your complaint (e.g.	

correct or delete data, provide further information).				
Confirmation of Identity: I confirm that the information provided is accurate and that I am the data subject, or an authorised representative.	YES		NO	
Consent for Processing: I consent to Azbuka School processing the personal data provided in this form to handle my complaint.	YES		NO	
Signature:				
Date:				