



GDPR PRIVACY NOTICE

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What is the purpose of this document?

Elsworth Pre-School is committed to protecting the privacy and security of your personal information. This privacy notice describes how the pre-school collects and uses personal information about employees of the pre-school children attending the Nursery (“child” or “children”) and the parents/carers of the children (“parents/carers”) (known collectively as “you” or “your”), in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Elsworth Pre-School is a “data controller”. This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about you. We are required under data protection legislation to notify you of the information contained in this privacy notice.

This notice does not form part of any contract of employment or other contract to provide services. We may update this notice at any time but if we do so, we will provide you with an updated copy of this notice as soon as reasonably practical.

It is important that parents/carers (and parents/carers on behalf of their children) read and retain this notice, together with any other privacy notice we may provide on specific occasions when we are collecting or processing personal information about you, so that you are aware of how and why we are using such information and what your rights are under the data protection legislation.

Data Protection principles

We will comply with data protection law. This says that the personal information we hold about you must be:

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



The kind of information we hold about you

Personal data, or personal information, means any information about an individual from which that person can be identified. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data).

There are “special categories” of more sensitive personal data which require a higher level of protection, such as information about a person’s health or sexual orientation.

Children:

We will collect, store, and use the following categories of personal information about children:

- Name
- Parent/carer’s details
- Date of birth
- Home address
- Dietary requirements
- Attendance information
- Photographs and video clips of the Child for general display purposes and for our advertising purposes where permission has been given by the parents/carers on the admission forms
- Emergency contact details should parents/carers be unavailable
- Learning Journey for each child containing the work of the child whilst at our pre-school, observations about the child’s development whilst at our pre-school from staff at pre-school, specific examples of the child’s progress, photographs demonstrating the child’s development whilst at pre-school, and personal details of the child (e.g. their date of birth) (“Progress Report”)
- Records relating to individual children e.g. care plans, common assessment frameworks, speech and language referral forms
- Accidents and pre-existing injuries forms
- Records of any reportable death, injury, disease or dangerous occurrence
- Observation, planning and assessment records of children.

We may also collect, store, and use the following “special categories” of more sensitive personal information:

- Information about a child’s race or ethnicity, spoken language and nationality.
- Information about a child’s health, including any medical condition, health and sickness records.
- Information about a child’s accident or incident reports including reports of pre-existing injuries..
- Information about a child’s incident forms/child protection referral forms/child protection case details/reports
- Information about a child’s special needs requirements.



Parents/Carers:

We will collect, store, and use the following categories of personal information about parents/carers:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Home address
- Occupation, work address and telephone number
- Telephone numbers and personal email addresses
- National Insurance number
- and other information relevant to customer surveys.

We may also collect, store, and use the following “special categories” of more sensitive personal information:

- Information about a parent/carer’s race or ethnicity, spoken language and nationality
- Conversations with parents/carers where staff at the pre-school deem it relevant to the prevention of radicalisation or other aspects of the governments Prevent strategy.

How is your personal information collected?

We collect personal information about children and parents/carers from when the initial enquiry is made, through the enrolment process and until the children stop using the pre-school services.

How we will use information about you

We will only use your personal information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your personal information in the following circumstances:

1. Where we need to perform the contract we have entered into with you.
2. Where we need to comply with a legal obligation.
3. Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests.

We may also use your personal information in the following situations, which are likely to be rare:

1. Where we need to protect your interests (or someone else’s interests)
2. Where it is needed in the public interest or for official purposes.
3. For the purposes of debit collection.

Situations in which the Pre-School will use personal information of children.

We need all the categories of information in the list above (see Children section within the Paragraph entitled ‘The Kind of Information We Hold About You’) primarily to allow



us to perform our obligations (including our legal obligations to children. The situations in which we will process personal information of Children are listed below:

- Upon consent from the parents/carers, personal data of children will be shared with schools for progression into the next stage of their education.
- Personal information of children will be shared with local authorities without the consent of Parents where there is a situation where child protection is necessary.
- Personal information of children will be shared with other agencies without the consent of parents/carers where there are special needs requirements to liaise where we feel there is a need and to support the child.
- The personal information of children will be shared with local authorities without the consent of parents/carers for funding purposes.
- Ofsted will be allowed access to the Pre-School's systems to review child protection records.
- To ensure we meet the needs of the children.
- To enable the appropriate funding to be received.
- To report on a child's progress whilst with the pre-school.
- To check safeguarding records.
- To check complaint records.
- To check attendance patterns are recorded.
- When a child's transition document is shared with their next nursery/pre-school or school.
- When a child's Progress Report is given to its parent/carer for the parent/carer to pass the same Progress Report to a school for application or enrolment purposes.

Situations in which the Pre-School will use personal information of parents/carers.

We need all the categories of information in the list above (see Parents/Carers section within the Paragraph entitled 'The kind of information we hold about you') primarily to allow us to perform our contracts with parents/carers and to enable us to comply with legal obligations. The situations in which we will process personal information of parents/carers are listed below:

- The personal information of parents/carers will be shared with local authorities without the consent of parents/carers for funding purposes.
- To report on a child's attendance.
- To be able to contact a parent/carer/child's emergency contact about the child.

If parents/carers fail to provide personal information

If parents/carers fail to provide certain information when requested, we may not be able to perform the respective contracts we have entered into with parents/carers, or we may be prevented from complying with our respective legal obligations to children and parents/carers.



Change of purpose

We will only use your personal information for the purposes for which we collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with the original purpose. If we need to use your personal information for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

Please note that we may process a child's or parent/carer's personal information without their respective knowledge or consent, as relevant to the circumstances, in compliance with the above rules, where this is required or permitted by law.

How we use particularly sensitive personal information

"Special categories" of particularly sensitive personal information require higher levels of protection. We need to have further justification for collecting, storing and using this type of personal information. We have in place an appropriate policy document and safeguards which we are required by law to maintain when processing such data. We may process special categories of personal information in the following circumstances:

1. In limited circumstances, with the parent/carer's explicit written consent.
2. Where it is needed in the public interest, such as for equal opportunities monitoring or in relation to our occupational pension scheme.

Less commonly, we may process this type of information where it is needed in relation to legal claims or where it is needed to protect an staff member, a child, or a parent/carers' interests (or someone else's interests) and the staff member, child or parent/carer (as is appropriate) is not capable of giving consent, or where the staff member or parent/carer has already made the information public.

Information about criminal convictions

We may only use information relating to criminal convictions where the law allows us to do so. This will usually be where such processing is necessary to carry out our obligations and provided, we do so in line with our Data Protection policy.

Less commonly, we may use information relating to criminal convictions where it is necessary in relation to legal claims, where it is necessary to protect the interests of you (or someone else's interests) and you are not capable of giving your consent, or where you have already made the information public.

Automated decision-making

Automated decision-making takes place when an electronic system uses personal information to decide without human intervention. We are allowed to use automated decision-making in the following circumstances:



1. Where we have notified parents/carers of the decision and given the parent/carer, or parent/carer of the child as is appropriate 21 days to request reconsideration.
2. Where it is necessary to perform the contract with a parent/carer and appropriate measures are in place to safeguard the child's or the parent/carer's rights as is appropriate.
3. In limited circumstances, with explicit written consent from the parent/carer, and where appropriate measures are in place to safeguard the rights of the parent/carer, or parent/carer of the child.

If we make an automated decision based on any particularly sensitive personal information, we must have either explicit written consent from the parent/carer as is appropriate, or it must be justified in the public interest, and we must also put in place appropriate measures to safeguard the rights of the parent/carer, or parent/carer of the child as is relevant in the circumstances.

You will not be subject to decisions that will have a significant impact on you based solely on automated decision-making unless we have a lawful basis for doing so and we have notified the parent/carer.

Data sharing

We may have to share the data of the child or parent/carer with third parties, including third-party service providers and other entities in the group. We require third parties to respect the security of your data and to treat it in accordance with the law.

Why might we share child or parent/carer personal information with third parties?

We will share your personal information with third parties where required by law, where it is necessary to administer the working relationship with you or where we have another legitimate interest in doing so.

Which third-party service providers process my personal information?

"Third parties" includes third-party service providers (including contractors and designated agents), local authorities, regulatory bodies, schools and other entities within our group. The following third-party service providers process personal information about you for the following purposes:

- Local Authorities – for funding and monitoring reasons (e.g. equal opportunities and uptake of funded hours)
- Regulatory bodies – for ensuring compliance and the safety and welfare of the children.
- Other settings to provide a successful transition by ensuring information about the child's progress and current level of development/ interests are shared with the new provider, along with the status of the family account.



- HMRC (for funding purposes).

How secure is my information with third-party service providers and other entities in our group?

All our third-party service providers and other entities in the group are required to take appropriate security measures to protect your personal information in line with our policies. We do not allow our third-party service providers to use your personal data for their own purposes. We only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

What about other third parties?

We may share your personal information with other third parties, for example in the context of the possible sale or restructuring of the business. In this situation we will, so far as possible, share anonymised data with the other parties before the transaction completes. Once the transaction is completed, we will share your personal data with the other parties if and to the extent required under the terms of the transaction.

We may also need to share your personal information with a regulator or to otherwise comply with the law.

Data Retention

How long will you use my information for?

We will only retain your personal information for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements. Details of retention periods for different aspects of your personal information are available in our retention policy which is available from the manager.

To determine the appropriate retention period for personal data, we consider the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal data, the purposes for which we process your personal data and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means and the applicable legal requirements.

In some circumstances we may anonymise your personal information so that it can no longer be associated with you, in which case we may use such information without further notice to you. Once you are no longer have a child benefiting from the Pre-School's services or a parent/carer, as is appropriate, we will retain and securely destroy your personal information in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.



Rights of access, correction, erasure and restriction

Your duty to inform us of changes

It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal information changes.

Your rights in connection with personal information

Under certain circumstances, by law you have the right to:

- **Request access** to your personal information (commonly known as a “Data Subject Access Request”). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal information we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it.
- **Request correction** of the personal information that we hold about you. This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate information we hold about you corrected.
- **Request erasure** of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal information where there is no good reason for us continuing to process it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal information where you have exercised your right to object to processing (see below).
- **Object to processing** of your personal information where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal information for direct marketing purposes.
- **Request the restriction of processing** of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of personal information about you, for example if you want us to establish its accuracy or the reason for processing it.
- **Request the transfer** of your personal information to another party.

If you want to review, verify, correct, or request erasure of your personal information, object to the processing of your personal data, or request that we transfer a copy of Your personal information to another party, please contact the Pre-School Manager in writing.

Fees

You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal information (or to exercise any of the other rights).

What we may need from you

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity



and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

Right to withdraw consent

In the limited circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing, and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time.

To withdraw your consent, please contact the Pre-School Manager. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

Changes to this Privacy Notice

We reserve the right to update this Privacy Notice at any time, and we will provide you with a new Privacy Notice when we make any substantial updates. We may also notify you in other ways from time to time about the processing of your personal information.

Unless we hear otherwise, we will assume that you agree with this Privacy Notice.

Adopted on:	14 th April 2024
Adopted by:	Sophie Mills, Interim Pre-School Manager Hannah Holland, Chair of Trustees
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