

Privacy Notice Addendum in Response to Covid-19 Pandemic



1. Statement of Policy Addendum

This policy addendum is created to clarify the school's responsibility in sharing information in order that we support and comply with the government's Track and Trace provision during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Privacy Notice Coronavirus Track and Trace

The school has an obligation to respond to the Government's advice on Covid 19 and the development of the NHS 'Track and Trace' scheme is a key part of the Government's plan to manage Coronavirus.

It may be necessary for us to share the data we hold when requested to do so with the Public Health NHS (National Health Service) Track and Trace Workers.

We expect that we will be asked to provide details, including contact details, of any cases of Coronavirus (or a suspected case) that may arise within our school. We have an obligation to share this, and any other health data, as part of our Public Duty as set out below. The law on protecting personally identifiable information (Data Protection Act 2018) allows Public Health England to use personal information collected by NHS Test and Trace. (Originally Article 6(1)(e) of GDPR but Section 8 of DPA 2018) : "processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller".

As information about health is a special category of personal information, a further section of the GDPR applies "processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, such as protecting against serious cross-border threats to health or ensuring high standards of quality and safety of healthcare".

Public Health England also has special permission from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to use personally identifiable information without people's consent where this is in the public interest. The law that applies here is Section 251 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and the associated Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002.

This addendum will be reviewed in response to changes in government protocol.