



Redroofs

School for the Performing Arts

DATA PROTECTION POLICY

Statement of Intent

The Co-Directors have overall responsibility for ensuring that records are maintained, including security and access arrangements, in accordance with Education Regulations and all other statutory provisions.

The Co-Directors of the School intend to comply fully with the requirements and principles of the Data Protection Act 1984 and the Data Protection Act 1988. All staff involved with the collection, processing and disclosure of personal data are aware of their duties and responsibilities within these guidelines.

Enquiries

Information about the School's Data Protection Policy is available from the School Office and the website. General information about the Data Protection Act can be obtained from the Information Commissioner's Office (www.ico.org.uk).

Fair Obtaining and Processing

Redroofs School for the Performing Arts undertakes to obtain and process data fairly and lawfully by informing all data subjects of the reasons for data collection, the purposes for which the data are held, the likely recipients of the data and the data subject's right of access. Information about the use of personal data is printed on the appropriate collection form. If details are given verbally, the person collecting will explain the issues before obtaining the information.

“processing” means obtaining, recording or holding the information or data or carrying out any or set of operations on the information or data.

“data subject” means an individual who is the subject of personal data or the person to whom the information relates.

“personal data” means data, which relates to a living individual who can be identified. Addresses and telephone numbers are particularly vulnerable to abuse, but so can names and photographs be, if published in the press, Internet or media.

“parent” has the meaning given in the Education act 1996, and includes any person having parental responsibility or care of a child.



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Data Integrity

The School undertakes to ensure data integrity by the following methods:

Data Accuracy

Data held will be as accurate and up to date as is reasonably possible. If a data subject informs the School of a change of circumstances, their computer record will be updated as soon as is practicable.

Data Adequacy and Relevance

Data held about people will be adequate, relevant and not excessive in relation to the purpose for which the data is being held. In order to ensure compliance with this principle, the School will check records regularly for missing, irrelevant or seemingly excessive information and may contact data subjects to verify certain items of data.

Length of Time

Data held about individuals will not be kept for longer than necessary for the purposes registered.