
Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Information and Records

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6.15 Privacy notice

Person responsible for data protection: Anna Bryant

Introduction

We are committed to ensuring that any personal data we hold about you and your child is protected in accordance with data protection laws and is used in line with your expectations.

This privacy notice explains what personal data we collect, why we collect it, how we use it and how we protect it.

What personal data do we collect?

- your child's name, date of birth, address, health and medical needs, development needs, and any special educational needs.

Where applicable we will obtain child protection plans from social care and health care plans from health professionals. We will also ask for information about who has parental responsibility for your child and any court orders pertaining to your child.

We collect personal details from you directly in the registration form:

- your name, home and work address, phone numbers, email, emergency contact details, and family details

Why we collect this information and the legal basis for handling your data

We use personal data about you and your child in order to provide childcare services and fulfil the contractual arrangement you have entered into. This includes using your data to:

- contact you in case of an emergency
- to support your child's wellbeing and development
- to manage any special educational, health or medical needs of your child whilst at our setting)
- to keep you updated with information about our service

With your consent, we will also record your child's activities. This may include photographs and videos. You may withdraw your consent at any time, for images taken by confirming so in writing.

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We have a legal obligation to process safeguarding related data about your child should we have concerns about their welfare.

Who we share your data with

In order for us to deliver childcare services we will also share your data as required with the following categories of recipients:

- the school that your child attends if requested and with your permission
- Ofsted – during an inspection or following a complaint about our service
- the Local Authority - during an inspection or following a complaint about our service

We will also share your data if:

- we are legally required to do so, for example, by law, by a court or the Charity Commission;
- to enforce or apply the terms and conditions of your contract with us;
- to protect your child and other children; for example, by sharing information with social care or the police;
- it is necessary to protect our rights, property or safety

We will never share your data with any other organisation to use for their own purposes

How do we protect your data?

We protect unauthorised access to your personal data and prevent it from being lost, accidentally destroyed, misused, or disclosed by:

Keeping all personal data locked and secured to prevent unauthorised access. The computer is password protected and any data shared with other agencies would be password encrypted.
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How long do we retain your data?

We retain your child's personal data for up to 3 years after your child no longer uses our setting. Medication records and accident records are kept for longer according to legal requirements.

In some instances (child protection, or other support service referrals) we are obliged to keep your data for longer if it is necessary to comply with legal requirements (see our Children's and Provider Records policies).

Your rights with respect to your data

You have the right to:

- request access, amend or correct your/your child's personal data

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- request that we delete or stop processing your/your child's personal data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing; and
- request that we transfer your, and your child's personal data to another person

If you wish to exercise any of these rights at any time or if you have any questions, comments or concerns about this privacy notice, or how we handle your data please contact us. If you continue to have concerns about the way your data is handled and remain dissatisfied after raising your concern with us, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or ico.org.uk/

Changes to this notice

We keep this notice under regular review. You will be notified of any changes where appropriate.

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Signed on behalf of the provider		
Name of signatory	Anna Bryant	
Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)	Owner	