

DATA PROTECTION POLICY



Approved by:	The Principal
Reviewed by:	Bronwen Patching
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Policy information	
Organisation	Adagio School of Dance
Scope of policy	This policy applies to all parties (employees, job candidates, customers, suppliers etc.) who provide any amount of information to us. Employees of our company and its subsidiaries must follow this policy. Contractors, consultants, partners and any other external entity are also covered. Generally, our policy refers to anyone we collaborate with or acts on our behalf and may need occasional access to data.
Policy review date	This policy will be reviewed as it is deemed appropriate, but no less frequently than every 2 years. The policy review will be undertaken by the Administrator, or nominated representative.

Purpose of policy	The Adagio School of Dance collects and uses personal information about staff, students, parents or carers and other individuals who come into contact with the school. This information is gathered in order to enable it to provide education and other associated functions. In addition, there may be a legal requirement to collect and use information to ensure that the school complies with its statutory obligations.
Brief introduction to Data Protection Act 1998	This policy is intended to ensure that personal information is dealt with correctly and securely and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, and other related legislation. It will apply to information regardless of the way it is collected, used, recorded, stored and destroyed, and irrespective of whether it is held in paper files or electronically.
Data Protection Principles	All staff involved with the collection, processing and disclosure of personal data will be aware of their duties and responsibilities by adhering to these guidelines
Personal data	<p>The Data Protection Act 1998 establishes eight enforceable principles that must be adhered to at all times:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully; 2) Personal data shall be obtained only for one or more specified and lawful purposes; 3) Personal data shall be adequate, relevant and not excessive; 4) Personal data shall be accurate and where necessary kept up to date; 5) Personal data processed for any purpose shall not be kept for longer than is necessary for that purpose or those purposes; 6) Personal data shall be processed in accordance with the rights of data subjects under the Data Protection Act 1998; 7) Personal data shall be kept secure i.e. protected by an appropriate degree of security; 8) Personal data shall not be transferred to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, unless that country or territory ensures an adequate level of data protection.

<p>Policy statement</p>	<p>General Statement</p> <p>The school is committed to maintaining the above principles at all times. Therefore the school will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform individuals why the information is being collected when it is collected • Inform individuals when their information is shared, and why and with whom it was shared • Check the quality and the accuracy of the information it holds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that information is not retained for longer than is necessary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that when obsolete information is destroyed that it is done so appropriately and securely • Ensure that clear and robust safeguards are in place to protect personal information from loss, theft and unauthorised disclosure, irrespective of the format in which it is recorded • Share information with others only when it is legally appropriate to do so • Set out procedures to ensure compliance with the duty to respond to requests for access to personal information, known as Subject Access Requests • Ensure our staff are aware of and understand our policies and procedures
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<p>Responsibilities</p>	
<p>Staff</p>	<p>Staff has overall responsibility for ensuring that the organisation complies with its legal obligations.</p>
<p>Data Protection Officer</p>	<p>Their responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing the Principal on Data Protection responsibilities • Reviewing Data Protection and related policies • Advising other staff on tricky Data Protection issues • Ensuring that Data Protection induction and training takes place • Approving unusual or controversial disclosures of personal data
<p>Enforcement</p>	<p>Complaints will be dealt with in accordance with the school's complaints policy.</p>

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Procedures for responding to subject access requests made under the Data Protection Act 1998

Rights of access to information

There are two distinct rights of access to information held by schools about students.

Under the Data Protection Act 1998 any individual has the right to make a request to access the personal information held about them.

These procedures relate to subject access requests made under the Data Protection Act 1998

Actioning a subject access request

Requests for information must be made in writing; which includes email, and be addressed to, Administrator for Adagio School of Dance Ltd. If the initial request does not clearly identify the information required, then further enquiries will be made.

The identity of the requestor must be established before the disclosure of any information, and checks should also be carried out regarding proof of relationship to the child.

Evidence of identity can be established by requesting production of: • passport

- Driving licence
- Utility bills with the current address
- Birth / Marriage certificate
- P45/P60
- Credit Card or Mortgage statement

This list is not exhaustive.

Any individual has the right of access to information held about them. However with children, this is dependent upon their capacity to understand (normally age 12 or above) and the nature of the request. The Administrator should discuss the request with the child and take their views into account when making a decision. A child with competency to understand can refuse to consent to the request for their records. Where the child is not deemed to be competent an individual with parental responsibility or guardian shall make the decision on behalf of the child.

The school may make a charge for the provision of information, dependent upon the following:

Should the information requested contain the educational record then the amount charged would be dependant upon the number of pages provided.

Should the information requested be personal information that does not include any information contained within educational records the school may charge up to £10 to provide it. If the information requested is only the educational record viewing will be free, but a charge not exceeding the cost of copying the information can be made.

The response time for subject access requests, once officially received, is 40 days (**not working or school days but calendar days, irrespective of school holiday periods**). However the 40 days will not commence until after receipt of fees or clarification of information sought

The Data Protection Act 1998 allows exemptions as to the provision of some information; **therefore all information will be reviewed prior to disclosure.**

Third party information is that which has been provided by another, such as the Police, Local Authority, Health Care professional or another school. Before disclosing third party information consent should normally be obtained. There is still a need to adhere to the 40-day statutory timescale.

Any information which may cause serious harm to the physical or mental health or emotional condition of the student or another should not be disclosed, nor should information that would reveal that the child is at risk of abuse, or information relating to court proceedings.

If there are concerns over the disclosure of information then additional advice may be sought.

Where redaction (information blacked out/removed) has taken place then a full copy of the information provided should be retained in order to establish, if a complaint is made, what was redacted and why.

Information disclosed should be clear, thus any codes or technical terms will need to be clarified and explained. If information contained within the disclosure is difficult to read or illegible, then it should be retyped.

Information can be provided at the school with a member of staff on hand to help and explain matters if requested, or provided at face-to-face handover. The views of the applicant should be taken into account when considering the method of delivery. If postal systems have to be used then registered/recorded mail must be used.

Complaints

Complaints about the above procedures should be made to the Principal who will decide whether it is appropriate for the complaint to be dealt with in accordance with the school's complaint procedure.

Contacts

If you have any queries or concerns regarding these policies / procedures then please contact The School Administrator.