Thomas Telford School

Information Security Policy For Staff

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Information Security Protocol - Staff

1 Introduction

1.1 Information Security is everyone's responsibility. Personal and sensitive data is used, stored, shared, edited, and deleted every day.

1.2 This protocol explains staff responsibilities that are already part of contracts of employment and reflect statutory responsibilities.

1.3 Details of how personal data is used is contained within Privacy Notices.

1.4 The Data Protection Policy sets out how our statutory obligations are managed.

1.5 This protocol applies to all staff (which includes Governors, agency staff, contractors, work experience students and volunteers) when handling Personal Data.

2 What is an Information Security breach?

2.1 Information security breaches can happen in several different ways. Examples include:

- sending a confidential email to the wrong recipient
- letters sent to the wrong address with health and SEN data included
- overheard conversations about a member of staff's health
- an unencrypted laptop stolen after being left in a car
- hacking of school systems
- leaving confidential documents containing Personal Data in a car that was stolen

2.2 These are examples of personal data breaches. They all need to be reported to the school Data Compliance Officer

2.3 This includes anything which you become aware of even if you are not directly involved (for example, if you know that document storage rooms are sometimes left unlocked at weekends).

2.4 The sooner a breach is notified to the right person, the sooner and more effectively it can be managed.

2.5 In certain situations, it is necessary breach to the Information Commissioner's Office (the data protection regulator) and let those whose information has been compromised know within strict timescales. This is another reason why it is vital thatyou report breaches immediately.

3 Thinking about privacy on a day-to-day basis

3.1 You must be aware of data protection and privacy whenever you are handling Personal and Sensitive Data.

4 Sensitive Personal Data

4.1 Data protection is about looking after information about individuals. Even something as simple as a person's name or their attendance record is Personal Data. However, some Personal Data is more sensitive. This is called **Sensitive Personal Data** in this policy and in the data protection policy. Greater care about how that data is used is required.

4.2 Sensitive Personal Data is:

- information concerning safeguarding and child protection matters;
- information about serious or confidential medical conditions and information about special educational needs;
- information concerning serious allegations made against an individual (whether or not the allegation amounts to a criminal offence and whether or not the allegation has been proved);
- financial information (for example about parents and staff);
- information about an individual's racial or ethnic origin; and
- political opinions;
- religious beliefs or other beliefs of a similar nature;
- trade union membership;
- physical or mental health or condition;
- genetic information;
- sexual life or sexual orientation;
- information relating to actual or alleged criminal activity; and
- biometric information (e.g., fingerprints used for controlling access to a building).

4.3 Staff need to be extra careful when handling Sensitive Personal Data.

5 Minimizing the amount of Personal Data that we hold

5.1 Restricting the amount of Personal Data, we hold to that which is needed helps keep personal data safe. You should never delete personal data unless you are sure you are allowed to do so. If you would like guidance on when to delete certain types of information, please speak to Computer Services.

6 Basic IT expectations

6.1 **Lock computer screens:** Whilst your computer screen will 'Lock' after 5 minutes of inactivity, you must manually lock your screen if you are away from the computer for a short period of time. To lock your computer screen, press the "Windows" key followed by the "L" key. If you are not sure how to do this, then speak to Computer Services.

6.2 **Be familiar with the tech:** You should also make sure that you familiarise yourself with any

software or hardware that you use. Please make sure that you understand what the software is supposed to be used for and any risks. For example:

6.3 Electronic registers – make sure that students cannot see personal data of classmates – use the correct view

6.4 If you use a "virtual classroom" which allows you to upload lesson plans and mock exam papers for students, then you need to be careful that you do not accidently upload anything more confidential.

6.5 You need to be extra careful where you store information containing Sensitive Personal Data.

6.6 **Hardware and software not provided by Thomas Telford School:** Staff must not use, download, or install any software, app, program, or service without permission from Computer Services. Staff must not connect (whether physically or by using another method such as Wi-Fi or Bluetooth) any device or hardware to internal IT systems without permission.

6.7 **Personal cloud storage:** You must not use personal cloud storage or file sharing accounts to store or share Thomas Telford School documents. Use of the OneDrive for Business account associated with your login is permitted.

6.8 **Portable media devices:** The use of portable media devices (such as USB drives, portable hard drives, DVDs) is not allowed unless those devices have been checked by Computer Services and you have received training on how to use those devices securely. The IT Department will protect any portable media device given to you with encryption.

6.9 **Thomas Telford School IT equipment:** If you are given IT equipment to use (this includes laptops, printers and phones) you must make sure that this is recorded on the IT equipment asset register. Thomas Telford School IT equipment must always be returned to the IT Department even if you think that it is broken and will no longer work, and the asset register updated accordingly.

6.10 **Where to store electronic documents and information:** You must ensure that you only save or store electronic information and documents in the correct location on Thomas Telford Schools systems as follows:

6.10.1 H: drive.

6.10.2 U: drive.

6.10.3 Business Onedrive.

6.10.4 Within Microsoft Teams.

7 Passwords

7.1.1 Passwords should not be disclosed to anyone else.

7.1.2 Passwords must not be written down.

7.1.3 In the event you feel your password may have been compromised you are obliged to report this to Computer Services who will issue you with a replacement and will investigate any potential breach of security.

8 **Emails**

8.1 When sending emails you must take care to make sure that the recipients are correct. If the email contains Critical Personal Data, then you should ask another member of staff to double check that you have entered the email address correctly before pressing send.

8.2 **Encryption:** Remember to encrypt internal and external emails which contain Critical Personal Data. For example, WORD documents can be attached to email and encrypted witha password which can then be forwarded separately to the recipient.

8.3 **Private email addresses:** You must not use a private email address for Thomas Telford School related work. You must only use your school address. Please note that this also applies to Governors.

9 **Paper files**

9.1 **Keep under lock and key:** Staff must ensure that papers which contain Personal Data are kept under lock and key in a secure location and that they are never left unattended on desks (unless the room is secure). Any keys must be kept safe.

9.2 If the papers contain Critical Personal Data, then they must be kept in secure cabinets identified for the specified purpose as set out in the table below. Information held in paper form must not be stored in any other location, for example, child protection information should only be stored in the cabinet in the Designated Safeguarding Lead's ("DSL") room. These are special cabinets and are kept in a secure location. They are also too heavy to move to minimize the risk of theft. The cabinets are located around the site as follows.

Cabinet	**Access**
Child protection - located in the DSL'soffice	Headmaster and DSL
Financial information - located in the FD's office	Headmaster
Health information and Single Central Register Information etc	Headmaster

9.3 **Disposal:** Paper records containing Personal Data should be disposed of securely shredding the material and disposing the paper waste in recycling. Personal Data should never be placed in the general waste.

9.4 **Printing:** When printing documents, make sure that you collect everything from the printer straight away, otherwise there is a risk that confidential information might be read or picked up by someone else. If you see anything left by the printer which contains Personal Data, then you must hand it in to the Head of Regulations and Business Development

9.5 **Put papers away:** You should always keep a tidy desk and put papers away when they are no longer needed. Staff are provided with their own personal secure cabinet(s) in which tostore papers. However, these personal cabinets should not be used to store documents

containing Critical Personal Data. Please see paragraph 9.2 above for details of whereCritical Personal Data should be kept.

9.6 **Post:** You also need to be extra careful when sending items in the post. Confidential materials should not be sent using standard post. If you need to send something in the post that is confidential, consider asking your IT team to put in on an encrypted memory stick or arrange for it to be sent by courier.

10 Working off site (e.g. school trips and homeworking)

10.1 Staff might need to take Personal Data off the site for various reasons, (for example because they are working from home or supervising a school trip]. This does not breach data protection law if the appropriate safeguards are in place to protect Personal Data.

10.2 For school trips, the trip organiser should decide what information needs to be taken and who will be responsible for looking after it. You must make sure that Personal Data taken off site is returned to ILG or the school.

10.3 If you are allowed to work from home, then check with your line manager what additional arrangements are in place. This might involve working with a specially encrypted memory stick or installing software on your home computer or smartphone: please see section 11 below.

10.4 Not all staff are allowed to work from home. If in doubt, speak to your line manager.

10.5 **Take the minimum with you:** When working away from your school you must only take the minimum amount of information with you. For example, a teacher organising a field trip might need to take with her information about student medical conditions (for example allergies and medication). If only eight out of a class of twenty students are attending the trip,then the teacher should only take the information about the eight students.

10.6 **Working on the move:** You must not work on documents containing Personal Data whilst travelling if there is a risk of unauthorised disclosure (for example, if there is a risk that someone else will be able to see what you are doing). For example, if working on a laptop on a train, you should ensure that no one else can see the laptop screen and you should not leave any device unattended where there is a risk that it might be taken.

10.7 **Paper records:** If you need to take hard copy (i.e., paper) records with you then you should make sure that they are kept secure. For example:

10.7.1 documents should be kept in a locked case. They should also be kept somewhere secure in addition to being kept in a locked case if left unattended (e.g., overnight);

10.7.2 if travelling by train you must keep the documents with you at all times and they should not be stored in luggage racks;

10.7.3 if travelling by car, you must keep the documents out of plain sight. Please be aware that possessions left on car seats are vulnerable to theft when your car is stopped e.g., at traffic lights;

10.7.4 if you have a choice between leaving documents in a vehicle and taking them with you (e.g., to a meeting) then you should usually take them with you and keep them on your person in a locked case. However, there may be specific circumstances when you consider that it would be safer to leave them in a locked case in the

vehicle out of plain sight. The risks of this situation should be reduced by only having the minimum amount of Personal Data with you (please see paragraph 10.5above).

10.8 **Public Wi-Fi:** You must not use public Wi-Fi to connect to the internet. For example, if you are working in a cafe then you will either need to work offline or use 3G / 4G.

10.9 Critical Personal Data should not be taken off the site in paper format save for specified situations where this is absolutely necessary, for example, where necessary for school trips (see 10.5 above).

11 **Using personal devices for schoolwork**

11.1 You may only use your personal device (such as your laptop or smartphone) on premis for schoolwork if you have been given permission by Computer Services.

11.2 Even if you have been given permission to do so, then before using your own device for schoolwork you must speak to your IT team so that they can configure your device.

11.3 **Appropriate security measures** should always be taken. This includes the use of firewalls and anti-virus software. Any software or operating system on the device should be kept up to date.

11.4 **Default passwords**: If you use a personal device for schoolwork which came with a default password then this password should be changed immediately.

11.5 **Sending or saving documents to your personal devices:** Documents containing Personal Data (including photographs and videos) should not be sent to or saved to personal devices unless you have been given permission by the IT Department. This is because anything you save to your computer, tablet or mobile phone will not be protected by Thomas Telford Schools security systems. Furthermore, it is often very difficult to delete something which has been saved toa computer. For example, if you saved a school document to your laptop because you wanted to work on it over the weekend, then the document would still be on your computer hard drive even if you deleted it and emptied the recycle bin.

11.6 **Friends and family:** You must take steps to ensure that others who use your device (for example, friends and family) cannot access anything school related on your device. For example, you should not share the login details with others, and you should log out of your account once you have finished working by restarting your device. You must also make sure that your devices are not configured in a way that would allow someone else access to school related documents and information – if you are unsure about this then please speak to the IT Department.

11.7 **When you stop using your device for schoolwork:** If you stop using your device for schoolwork for example:

11.7.1 if you decide that you do not wish to use your device for schoolwork; or

11.7.2 if the school withdraws permission for you to use your device; or

11.7.3 if you are about to leave Thomas Telford School

then, all school documents (including school emails), and any software applications provided by us for school purposes, should be removed from the device.

If this cannot be achieved remotely, you must submit the device to the IT Department for wiping and software removal. You must provide all necessary co-operation and assistance to the IT department in relation to this process.

12 **Breach of this policy**

12.1 Any breach of this policy will be taken seriously and may result in disciplinary action.

12.2 A member of staff who deliberately or recklessly obtains or discloses Personal Data held by Thomas Telford School without proper authority is also guilty of a criminal offence and gross misconduct. This could result in summary dismissal. Further information on this and on other offences can befound in Thomas Telford School's data protection policy.

12.3 This policy does not form part of any employee's contract of employment.

12.4 We reserve the right to change this policy at any time. Where appropriate, we will notify staff of those changes by mail or email.

Appendix A: Protocols and Guidance for the use of Mobile Phones in School

Personal mobile phones and mobile devices

Responsibility

- Mobile phones and personally owned mobile devices brought into school are entirely at the staff member, student's & parents' or visitors own risk. The school accepts no responsibility forthe loss, theft or damage of any phone or handheld device brought into school
- The school reserves the right to search the content of any mobile or handheld devices on the school premises where there is a reasonable suspicion that it may contain undesirable material, including those which promote pornography, violence, or bullying. Staff mobiles or handheld devices may be searched at any time as part of routine monitoring.
- The recording, taking, and sharing of images, video and audio on any mobile phone is prohibited; except where it has been explicitly agreed otherwise by the Headmaster. Such authorised use is to be monitored and recorded. All mobile phone use is to be open to scrutiny and the Headteacher is to be able to withdraw or restrict authorisation for use at any time if it is to be deemed necessary.
- Mobile phones and personally owned devices approved for use by the Head in exceptional circumstances are not permitted to be used in certain areas within the school site, e.g. changing rooms and toilets.

Staff

- Staff members may use their phones during school break times in certain areas.
- Mobile phones and personally owned devices will not be used in any way during lessons. They should be always switched off or silent.

Staff use of personal devices

- Staff are not permitted to use their own mobile phones or devices for contacting children, young people, or their families within or outside of the setting in a professional capacity.
- Staff will be issued with a school phone where contact with students, parents or carers is required. Staff will also be issued with a school phone whilst on educational off-site visits. Alternatively, staff may have permission from the Headteacher or the Educational Visits Co-Ordinator to bring their own mobile phones on trips – to be used strictly for communication with the school or for emergency situations.
- Mobile Phones and personally owned devices will be switched off or switched to 'silent' mode. Bluetooth communication should be 'hidden' or switched off andmobile phones or personally owned devices will not be used during teaching periods unlesspermission has been granted by a member of the senior leadership team in emergency circumstances.
- If members of staff have an educational reason to allow children to use mobile phones or a personally owned device as part of an educational activity, then it will only take place when approved by the senior leadership team.
- Staff should not use personally owned devices, such as mobile phones or cameras, to take photos or videos of students and will only use work-provided equipment for this purpose.
- If a member of staff breaches the school policy, then disciplinary action may be taken.
- Where staff members are required to use a mobile phone for school duties, for instance in case of emergency during off-site activities, or for contacting students or parents, then a schoolmobile phone will be provided and used. In an emergency where a staff member doesn't have access to a school-owned device, they should use their own device and hide (by inputting 141) their own mobile number for confidentiality purposes.

Visitors

All visitors are requested to keep their phones on silent.

Students and staff

Where parents or students need to contact each other during the school day, they should do soonly through the school's telephone. Staff may use their phones during break times.

- Mobile phones will not be used during lessons or formal school time unless as part of an approved and directed curriculum-based activity with consent from a member of staff.
- The Bluetooth or similar function of a mobile phone should be always switched off and not be used to send images or files to other mobile phones.
- No images or videos should be taken on mobile phones or personally owned mobile devices without the prior consent of the person or people concerned.

Digital images and video

In this school:

- We gain parental / carer permission for use of digital photographs or video involving their child as part of the school agreement form when their daughter / son joins the school;
- We do not identify students in online photographic materials or include the full names of students inthe credits of any published school produced video materials / DVDs;
- Staff sign that they have read the school's full Information Security Policy and this includes a clause on the use of mobile phones / personal equipment for taking pictures of students;
- If specific student photos (not group photos) are used on the school website, in the prospectus or in other high-profile publications the school will obtain individual parental or student

permission for its long term use;

- The school blocks/filter access to social networking sites and other sites deemed inappropriate, unless there is a specificapproved educational purpose;
- Students are taught about how images can be manipulated in their e-safety education program and also taught to consider how to publish for a wide range of audiences which might include Directors, parents or younger children as part of their ICT scheme of work;
- Students are advised to be very careful about placing any personal photos on any 'social' online network space. They are taught to understand the need to maintain privacy settings so as not to make public, personal information;
- Students are taught that they should not post images or videos of others without their permission.We teach them about the risks associated with providing information with images (including thename of the file), that reveals the identify of others and their location, such as house number, street name or school. We teach them about the need to keep their data secure and what to do if they are subject to bullying or abuse.