



### Centre Data Protection Policy

Global Educ8tions fully endorse and adhere to the principles of data protection as outlined in the Data Protection Acts 1994,1998 (2003 amendment). All staff involved in the collection, processing and disclosure of personal data are aware of their duties and responsibilities within these guidelines.

Information about Global Educ8tions) Data Protection policy can be obtained from administration team.

#### Fair Obtaining and Processing

Global Educ8tions undertakes to obtain and process data fairly and lawfully by informing all data subjects of the reasons for data collection, the purposes for which data is held, the likely recipients of the data and the data subjects' 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 the data will explain the issues before collection the information.

#### Terms

*Processing* Obtaining, recording or holding the information or data or carrying out a 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 data relates.

*Personal data* Means data which relates to a living individual who can be identified. Addresses and telephone numbers are examples.

#### Registered Purposes

The Data Protection Act Registration entries for Global Educ8tions are available for inspection by appointment at Global Educ8tions. Explanation of any codes and categories is available from Administration team.

Registered purposes covering the data held at the centre are listed on the centre's registration and data collection documents. Information held for these stated purposes will not be used for any other purpose without the data subject's consent.



### Data Integrity

Global Educ8tions undertakes to ensure that data integrity is achieved by the following methods:

- **Data Accuracy**

Data will be as accurate and up-to-date as is reasonably possible. If a data subject informs the centre of a change of circumstances their computer record will be updated as soon as is practicable. A print out of their data record will be provided to any data subjects every twelve months so they can check its accuracy and make any amendments. Where a subject challenges the accuracy of their data, Global Educ8tions will immediately mark the record as potentially inaccurate. In cases of dispute, we will attempt to resolve the issue informally, but if this proves impossible, disputes will be referred to Global Educ8tions (e.g. trustees, governing body, and senior management) for their judgement. If the dispute cannot be resolved at this stage, either side may see independent arbitration. Until resolved, the information will be marked and both versions will be saved.

- **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 held. In order to ensure compliance with this principle, Global Educ8tions will check records regularly for missing, irrelevant or seemingly excessive information and may contact the subjects to verify certain items of data. Records are checked for irrelevant data 6 months and the decisions about what can be deleted is made by administration team.

- **Length of Time**

Data held about individuals will not be kept for longer than necessary for the purposes registered. It is the duty of \_\_\_\_\_ (data protection nominated officer) to ensure that obsolete data are properly erased.

- **Subject Access**

The Data Protection Acts extend to all data subjects a right of access to their own personal data. In order to ensure that people receive only information about themselves it is essential that a formal system of requests is in place. Where a request for subject access is received from a learner, The Global Educ8tions policy is that:

- Requests from learners will be processed as any subject access request as outlined below and the copy will be given directly to the learner, unless it is clear that the learner does not understand the nature of the request.
- Requests from learners who do not appear to understand the nature of the request will be referred to their advocate, career or support worker.

- **Processing Subject Access Requests**

Requests for access must be made in writing.



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Learners or staff may ask for a Data Subject Access form, available from the centre. Completed forms should be submitted to \_\_\_\_\_ the data protection officer. Provided that there is sufficient information to process the request, an entry will be made in the Subject Access Log Book, showing the date of receipt, the data subject's name, the name and address of requester (if different), the type of data required (e.g. learner Record, Personnel Record), and the planned date of supplying the information (normally not more than 40 days from the request date). Should more information be required to establish either the identity of the data subject (or agent) or the type of data requested, the date of entry in the log will be the date on which sufficient information has been provided.

- **Authorised Disclosures**

Global Educ8tions will, in general, only disclose data about individuals with their consent. However there are circumstances under which Global Educ8tions authorized officer may need to disclose data without explicit consent for that occasion.

These circumstances are strictly limited to:

- ◆ Learner data disclosed to authorize recipients related to education and administration necessary for the school to perform its statutory duties and obligations.
- ◆ Learner data disclosed to authorize recipients in respect of their child's health, safety and welfare.
- ◆ Staff data disclosed to relevant authorities e.g. in respect of payroll and administrative matters.
- ◆ Unavoidable disclosures, for example to an engineer during maintenance of the computer system. In such circumstances the engineer would be required to sign a form promising not to disclose the data outside the school.
- ◆ Only authorized and trained staff are allowed to make external disclosures of personal data. Data used within the centre by administrative staff, tutors and welfare officers will only be made available where the person requesting the information is a professional legitimately working within the centre who need to know the information in order to do their work. We will not disclose anything on Learners' records which would be likely to cause serious harm to their physical or mental health or that of anyone else – including anything where suggests that they are, or have been, either the subject of or at risk of abuse. (Safeguarding).

A **“legal disclosure”** is the release of personal information from the computer to someone who requires the information to do his or her job within or for the organisation, provided that the purpose of that information has been registered.

An **“illegal disclosure”** is the release of information to someone who does not need it, or has no right to it, or one which falls outside the organisation's registered purposes.

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### Data and Computer Security

Global Educ8tions undertakes to ensure security of personal data by the following general methods (precise details cannot be revealed):

#### Physical Security

Appropriate building security measures are in place, such as alarms, window bars, deadlocks and computer hardware cable locks. Only authorized persons are allowed in the computer room. Disks, tapes and printouts are locked away securely when not in use. Visitors to the centre or training room/s are required to sign in and out, to wear identification badges whilst in the building and are, where appropriate, accompanied.

#### Logical Security

Security software is installed on all computers containing personal data. Only authorized users are allowed access to the computer files and password changes are regularly undertaken. Computer files are backed up (i.e. security copies are taken) regularly.

#### Procedural Security

In order to be given authorized access to the computer, staff will have to undergo checks and will sign a confidentiality agreement. All staff are trained in their Data Protection obligations and their knowledge updated as necessary. Computer printouts as well as source documents are shredded before disposal.

Overall security policy for data is determined by \_\_\_\_\_ and is monitored and reviewed regularly, especially if a security loophole or breach becomes apparent. Global Educ8tions security policy is kept in a safe place at all times.

Any queries or concerns about security of data in the school should in the first instance be referred to \_\_\_\_\_ (the person responsible).

Individual members of staff can be personally liable in law under the terms of the Data Protection Acts. They may also be subject to claims for damages from persons who believe that they have been harmed as a result of inaccuracy, unauthorized use or disclosure of their data. A deliberate breach of this Data Protection Policy will be treated as a disciplinary matter, and serious breaches could lead to dismissal.

Further details on any aspect of this policy and its implementation can be obtained from: