

## General Welfare Requirement: Documentation

Providers must maintain records, policies and procedures required for the safe and efficient management of the settings and to meet the needs of the children.

## Record keeping

### 5.5 Data Subject Access Requests

#### Statement of Intent

This policy has been written to take into account of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018 and the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018, together with advice from the Information Commissioner's Office ([ICO](#)).

All individuals whose data is held by us, have a legal right to request access to such data or supplementary information held. The right of access allows individuals to be aware of and to verify the lawfulness of the processing.

#### Aim

The aim of this policy is to ensure that all parents and carers are aware of how to make a data subject access request and how St Joseph's Pre-school will deal with it.

#### Procedure

- Parents can have access to all written information about their child (except where data protection laws stipulate it is against the best interest of the child to do so), if a written request from the parent is received in writing (this can be by email or letter) <sup>1</sup>.
- The request will be forwarded to setting's Data Protection Officer (DPO) (see Policy 5.4 'Data Protection' and/or St Joseph's Pre-school's Data Privacy Notice for details of who this is).
- The DPO will consider if the request can be refused. It can only be refused if it is 'manifestly unfounded or excessive'<sup>2</sup> as advised by the ICO..
- St Joseph's Pre-school may request evidence of identity to ensure data is being disclosed to the correct individual.
- There is no fee for processing a data subject access request unless the request is 'manifestly unfounded or excessive'. Even if this is the case the fee will only cover administration costs. It is permissible for St Joseph's Pre-school to charge a fee for additional copies of the same information.
- We will respond without undue delay and within 30 days from the initial request. If requests are complex or numerous this can be extended to 3 months but this will be fully explained within the 1 month deadline.
- If the request is extremely broad we may seek clarification on the exact scope of the data required.
- A decision will be made on what systems and files should be searched for relevant personal data. We will keep a note of this as evidence of the steps taken in case a complaint is made by the individual to the ICO.
- St Joseph's Pre-school will consider if all the data should be disclosed. There are very limited exemptions where disclosing the data would 'adversely affect the rights and freedoms of others'. This is most likely to mean redacting the information to take out anything identifying a third party or if the data is related to a criminal offence.

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<sup>1</sup> For advice on "preparing your subject access request" please see the [ICO website](#) ([www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk))

<sup>2</sup> For more information on 'manifestly unfounded or excessive' requests, please see the ICO website ([www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk))

- A copy of the data to be disclosed will be sent to the requestor. Where possible, and certainly if the request was made electronically, the data will be provided electronically in a commonly used electronic format. If it is a paper copy, it will be sent first class signed for, if via email a delivery receipt will be requested as evidence that it was sent.
- A covering letter/email will also be sent containing the following information:
  - the categories of their personal data being processed by us (eg. fees);
  - the purposes for which the processing happens (eg. fee payment);
  - to whom the data may be disclosed (eg. Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), HMRC);
  - details of the source of the data (eg. registration form, Childcare Choices portal);
  - how long the data is retained by us<sup>3</sup>;
  - the right to have inaccurate data corrected;
  - the right to make a complaint to the ICO; and
  - if automated decision making applies, meaningful information about how these decisions are made will be supplied (*not applicable to St Joseph's Pre-school*).
- If we are refusing to comply with the request, we will send the requestor a letter explaining our decision and outlining their right to complain to the ICO.
- A record will be kept of our efforts to comply with the request, the date that we provided the information and any correspondence in case of future investigations by the ICO.

A copy of our Data Subject Access Request Checklist is attached to this policy.

*Further guidance*

- General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR)
- Information Commissioner's Office website ([www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk))
- Policy 5.4: Data Protection

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1.0	K Coupe	Comply with GDPR	19/09/2018
2.0	K Coupe	Review of policy. Inclusion of hyperlinks to specific ICO webpages	29/04/2021 Cttee via email (quorate)

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<sup>3</sup> See Policy 5.7: Retention Periods for Records

## Data Subject Access Request Checklist

Action	Notes	Completed
Data Subject Access Request received and passed to the Data Protection Lead/Officer	If received verbally, the staff member receiving the request should ask that it is confirmed either by letter or via email.	
Are there grounds for refusing the request?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If Yes, the request should be denied within the 30 day deadline stating that the requestor may make a complaint to the ICO;</li> <li>○ If No, continue with the checklist.</li> </ul>	
Is further evidence of identity required?	Request if necessary.	
Is the request 'manifestly unfounded or excessive', or a request for duplicate information?	If Yes, a fee may be applicable but should not be more than the administrative cost.	
What date should the request be completed by?	<p>This is 30 days from the initial date of the request even if this was via telephone or in person. If this will not be possible because of the amount of data involved, this can be extended to 3 months but the delay must be communicated within the original month.</p> <p>For term time settings, like St Joseph's Pre-school, during the school holidays an 'out of office' message will be on the Pre-school's email addresses advising that <b>'This email address will not be accessed during holiday periods (dates). If you are making a Data Subject Access Request, then please email at the beginning of the next term.'</b></p>	
Is the request extremely broad?	Seek clarification to determine the scope of the personal data required.	
What systems/data sources should be searched?	Keep a note of decisions made in case of future complaints/investigations.	
Does the data contain any references to third parties or sensitive data which should not be disclosed?	Redact (blank out) anything identifying a third person. Do not disclose anything relating to a criminal investigation.	
Is the data and covering letter ready to be sent?	Data should be supplied electronically where possible, in a commonly used format. Ensure that it is sent first class signed for or if via email with a delivery receipt requested. The covering letter should contain the information set out in this Policy.	
Has a record been kept of the process followed, the decisions made during the process and the data that the requested data was provided?		