

# Data Protection Policy

The Vocational Academy Essex LTD

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The Vocational Academy Essex LTD needs to keep certain information about its learners in order to allow it to record learner achievements, effectively manage customer correspondence, monitor the effectiveness of its qualifications and comply with awarding body guidelines. To comply with the law, information must be collected and used fairly, stored safely and not disclosed to any other person unlawfully.

To do this, The Vocational Academy Essex LTD must comply with the Data Protection Principles which are set out in the Data Protection Act 1998 (the 1998 Act).

In summary these state that personal data shall:

- be obtained and processed fairly and lawfully and shall not be processed unless certain conditions are met;
- be obtained for a specified and lawful purpose and shall not be processed in any manner incompatible with that purpose;
- be adequate, relevant and not excessive for that purpose;
- be accurate and kept up to date;
- not be kept for longer than is necessary for that purpose;
- be processed in accordance with the data subject's rights;
- be kept safe from unauthorised access, accidental loss or destruction;
- not be transferred to a country outside the European Economic Area, unless that country has equivalent levels of protection for personal data.

The Vocational Academy Essex LTD and all staff who process or use personal information must ensure that they follow these principles at all times.

The Vocational Academy Essex LTD will adhere to the Act through the following measures:

- fully observing conditions regarding the fair collection and use of information;
- meeting its legal obligations to specify the purposes for which information is used;
- collecting and processing appropriate information only to the extent that it is needed to fulfil our operational needs or to comply with any legal requirements;
- ensuring the quality of information used;
- ensuring that the information is held for no longer than is necessary;
- ensuring that the rights of people about whom information is held can be fully exercised under the Act (i.e. the right to be informed that processing is being undertaken, to access one's personal information; to prevent processing in certain circumstances, and to correct, rectify, block or erase information that is regarded as wrong information);
- taking appropriate technical and organisational security measures to safeguard personal information;
- ensuring that personal information is not transferred abroad without suitable safeguards.

### **Data Security**

The Vocational Academy Essex LTD staff is responsible for ensuring that:

- any personal data that they hold is kept securely;
- personal information is not disclosed orally, in writing, via Web pages or by any other means, accidentally or otherwise, to any unauthorised third party.

### **Learner information**

Details of learners' personal details, registrations, assessment results and qualification or unit achievements are retained by The Vocational Academy Essex LTD for a minimum of 1 year and the awarding body for a minimum of 6 years unless authorised by a learner this information will not be shared with other parties other than The Vocational Academy Essex LTD and the awarding body.

Learners wishing to access personal details in relation to accredited qualifications will be subject to an identity check before any information is disclosed.

In accordance with Condition D4.2 of the Ofqual Conditions of Recognition CYQ is not obliged to disclose information if to do so would breach a duty of confidentiality or any other legal duty.