



GENERAL DATA PROTECTION POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

This Data Protection Policy has been developed to ensure that Young Technicians CIC complies with the General Data Protection Regulation (2018) and relevant UK legislation, including the UK Data Protection Act (2018), the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill (2024), and the Data (Use and Access) Bill (2024). These updates enhance flexibility for small businesses like ours while maintaining robust protections for personal data.

Compliance with General Data Protection Regulation 2018 is the responsibility of all members of the Academy. Any deliberate breach of the Data Protection Policy may lead to disciplinary legislation being taken, access to Academy facilities being withdrawn, or a criminal prosecution.

If there are any questions about the interpretation or operation of this policy, please contact the Academy's CEO (Acting as the DPO)

Compliance with Updated UK Data Protection Laws

As a UK-based organisation, Young Technicians CIC, complies with the UK Data Protection Act (2018), as amended by the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill (2024), and the Data (Use and Access) Bill (2024). These updates enable us to process personal data lawfully while simplifying compliance requirements for small businesses.

We will continue to:

- Protect personal data as per the established legal framework.
- Ensure that data processing activities for marketing, innovation, or other commercial purposes comply with current regulations.
- Provide clear communication of individual rights and simplify data access or correction processes.

To maintain compliance, we will regularly review our practices and make necessary adjustments to reflect future changes to UK data protection laws.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Enable the Academy to demonstrate that it fully complies with General Data Protection Regulation 2018.
- Ensure that all staff and members of the Academy are fully briefed on data protection issues.
- Inform staff of their responsibilities within the context of their job and show a line of responsibility towards implementing General Data Protection Regulation 2018 across the Academy.
- Clearly define individual's rights with regard to processing personal data and accessing personal data within the context of the legislation.
- Ensure that all personal data is stored securely.
- Give direction and guidance for dealing with requests to access personal data.
- Ensure that all staff are aware of the issues surrounding the disclosure of personal data.
- Set data retention periods for personal data.
- Inform staff of their responsibilities if a data breach, or near miss, occurs.

3. RISK ANALYSIS

The maximum penalty for failing to comply with General Data Protection Regulation 2018 is the greater of 10 million Euros or 2% of the Academy's annual turnover. The reputation of the Academy may also be damaged by non-compliance with this policy.

4. SCOPE

It is a condition of employment that employees will abide by the rules and policies made by the Academy. Any failure to follow the policy can therefore result in disciplinary proceedings. Any member of staff or student, who considers that the policy has not been followed in respect of personal data about themselves, should raise the matter with the Academy's General Manager initially. If the matter is not resolved, it should be raised as a formal grievance.

The Academy is not responsible for any personal data processed by a member of staff or a student for their personal or domestic use, even where this involves the use of Academy equipment. The definition of personal or domestic use covers any data not concerned with their employment or studies at the Academy.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Academy is the Data Controller under General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and the CEO is responsible to ultimate compliance.

All departmental managers and all those in managerial or supervisory roles are responsible for developing and encouraging good practice with regard to the handling of personal data.

Compliance with data protection legislation is the responsibility of all members of the Academy who process personal information.

6.1 Staff

All staff are responsible for:

- Checking that any information that they provide to the Academy in connection with their employment is accurate and up-to-date.
- Informing the Academy of any changes to information which they have provided i.e. change in address, telephone number, etc.
- Checking the information that the Academy will send out annually, giving details of information kept and processed about staff.
- Informing the Academy of any errors or changes. The Academy cannot be held responsible for any errors unless the staff member has informed the Academy.

In addition, all staff are responsible for:

- Processing personal data as required by their job role in accordance with General Data Protection Regulation 2018.
- Ensuring that any personal data for which they are responsible is kept securely.
- Ensuring that personal information is not disclosed, whether orally, in writing, accidentally or otherwise, to any unauthorised third party.
- Reporting any personal data breach, or circumstances which could potentially give rise to a personal data breach, to the CEO immediately.

Personal information should be:

- Kept in a locked room, i.e. a locked staff room
- In a locked filing cabinet
- In a locked drawer
- If it is computerised, be password protected or stored only on a device which is encrypted

Personal information of staff and students should only be stored on Academy devices and not transferred or stored on personal devices.

Care should be taken to ensure that PCs and terminals are not visible except to authorised staff and that computer passwords are kept confidential. PC screens should not be left unattended without password protected screen-savers and manual records should not be left where they can be accessed by unauthorised personnel.

This policy also applies to staff and students who process personal data off-site. Offsite processing presents a potentially greater risk of loss, theft or damage to personal data. Staff and students should take particular care when processing personal data at home or in other locations outside of the Academy.

6.2 Student Obligations

Students must ensure that all personal data provided to the Academy is accurate and up-to-date. They must ensure that changes of address etc. are notified to their Tutor who then must fill in the appropriate form.

6.3 The Data Protection Officer (CEO)

The Data Protection Officer is responsible for;

- Informing and advising the Academy and its employees about their obligations to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and other data protection laws.
- Monitoring compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and other data protection laws, including managing internal data protection activities, advising on data protection impact assessments, training staff and arranging internal audits.
- Being the first point of contact for supervisory authorities and for individuals whose data is processed.
- Maintaining the Academy's registration with the Information Commissioner.
- Maintaining and updating the Academy's Data Protection Policy.
- Informing the Information Commissioner if a breach of data security occurs.

6.4 Registration with the Information Commissioner

The Academy is registered with the Information Commissioner and has an obligation as a Data Controller to notify the Information Commissioner of the purposes for which it processes personal data. Personal data must only be processed if the purpose for which it is required has been 'notified' to the Information Commissioner. It is a criminal offence to hold personal data that has not been registered.

A list of purposes, which have been registered by the Academy, is as follows:

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| Purpose 1 | Staff, Agent and Contractor Administration |
| Purpose 2 | Advertising, Marketing, Public Relations, General Advice Services |
| Purpose 3 | Accounts and Records |
| Purpose 4 | Education |
| Purpose 5 | Student and Staff Support Services |
| Purpose 6 | Crime Prevention and Prosecution of Offenders |
| Purpose 7 | Provision of facilities to other groups or organizations |
| Purpose 8 | Publication of Academy literature |

Managers are expected to familiarise themselves with the terms of the Academy's register entry. If any doubt exists as to whether any particular collecting, holding and use, or intended disclosure of personal data is within the terms of the Academy's register entry or General Data Protection Regulation 2018, then staff must discuss this with the Data Protection Officer before taking action. Senior members of staff should keep the Data Protection Officer informed of non-standard data held in their areas.

Individual data subjects can obtain full details of the Academy's data protection register entry with the Information Commissioner from the Academy's Data Protection Officer or from the Information Commissioner's website (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

7. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Policy the following definitions shall apply;

- "Personal data" shall mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (the "data subject"); an identifiable person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identification number or to one or more factors specific to his physical, physiological, mental, economic, cultural or social identity.
- "Processing of personal data" ("processing") shall mean any operation or set of operations which is performed upon personal data, whether or not by automatic means, such as collection, recording, organisation, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, blocking, erasure or destruction.
- "Personal data filing system" ("filing system") shall mean any structured set of personal data which are accessible according to specific criteria, whether centralised, decentralised or dispersed on a functional or geographical basis.
- "Controller" shall mean the natural or legal person, public authority, agency or any other body which alone or jointly with others determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data; where the purposes and means of processing are determined by national or Community laws or regulations, the controller or the specific criteria for his nomination may be designated by national or Community law.
- "Processor" shall mean a natural or legal person, public authority, agency or any other body which processes personal data on behalf of the controller.
- "The Academy" shall mean Young Technicians Academy.

8. PRINCIPLES RELATING TO THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

1. Personal data shall be:

- (a) Processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject ('lawfulness, fairness and transparency').
- (b) Collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes ('purpose limitation').
- (c) Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed ('data minimisation').
- (d) Accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased or rectified without delay

(‘accuracy’).

- (e) Kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; (‘storage limitation’).
 - (f) Processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures (‘integrity and confidentiality’).
2. The Academy, as data controller, shall be responsible for, and be able to demonstrate compliance with, the principles above (‘accountability’).

10. THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS

10.1 The right to be informed

General Data Protection Regulation 2018 sets out the information that must be supplied to individuals whose personal data the Academy holds and when those individuals should be informed.

The information that the Academy supplies about the processing of personal data must be:

- Concise, transparent, intelligible and easily accessible.
- Written in clear and plain language, particularly if addressed to a young person.
- Free of charge.

10.2 The right of access

Under General Data Protection Regulation 2018, individuals have the right to obtain:

- Confirmation that their data is being processed
- Access to their personal data
- Other supplementary information

Access requests should be made to the Academy’s Data Protection Officer in writing. The Academy will provide one copy of the information free of charge. However, we may charge a reasonable fee when a request is manifestly unfounded or excessive, particularly if it is repetitive.

10.3 The right to rectification

Individuals are entitled to have personal data held by the Academy rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete. Requests for rectification of data should be made to the Academy’s Data Protection Officer in writing who will respond within one month. This may be extended by two months where the request for rectification is complex.

10.4 The right to erasure

Individuals have a right to have their personal data erased and to prevent processing in specific circumstances. Requests for data to be erased should be made to the Academy's Data Protection Officer in writing.

There are some specific circumstances where the right to erasure does not apply and the Academy may refuse to deal with a request.

10.5 The right to restrict processing

Individuals have the right to restrict the processing of their personal data in the following circumstances:

- (a) The accuracy of the personal data is contested by the individual, for a period enabling the Academy to verify the accuracy of the personal data
- (b) The processing is unlawful and the individual opposes the erasure of the personal data and requests the restriction of their use instead
- (c) The Academy no longer needs the personal data for the purposes of the processing, but they are required by the data subject for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims
- (d) The individual has objected to processing pending verification whether the legitimate grounds of the Academy override those of the individual

Requests to restrict the processing of data should be made to the Academy Data Protection Officer in writing.

10.6 Data portability

The Academy will provide personal data in a structured and commonly used format. We will also transmit personal data directly to another organisation if requested by the data subject.

10.7 The right to object

An individual has the right to object;

- (a) Where the lawful basis for processing the personal data of an individual is based solely on the legitimate interests of the Academy or the performance of a task in the public interest, or the exercise of an official authority vested in the Academy, on grounds relating to his or her particular situation
- (b) To the use of their personal data for direct marketing

Objections to the processing of personal data under this section should be notified to the Data Protection Officer in writing.

The Academy will not process personal data for the purposes of scientific or historical research and statistics.

10.8 Automated decision making and profiling

The Academy will not undertake automated decision making or process personal data for the purpose of profiling individuals.

11. CONSENT OF THE DATA SUBJECT

The Academy will identify and record a lawful basis for the processing of personal data.

The lawful basis for the processing of personal data will normally be the consent of the data subject. Consent must be a freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous indication of the individual's wishes. Consent will not be inferred from silence, pre-ticked boxes or inactivity. Consent is not required if a different lawful basis has been identified (see following section).

Individuals may withdraw their consent for the processing of their personal data by notifying the Data Protection Officer in writing.

12. OTHER LAWFUL BASES FOR PROCESSING PERSONAL DATA

Having regard to the purpose of the data processing and the relationship with the individual, the Academy may determine that it is not appropriate to obtain the consent of the data subject and may instead identify and document one of the following lawful bases for the processing of personal data;

- (a) The processing is necessary for a contract between the Academy and the individual, or because the individual has asked the Academy to take specific steps before entering into a contract
- (b) The processing is necessary for the Academy to comply with the law, for example, The Further and Higher Education Act 1998
- (c) The processing is necessary to protect someone's life
- (d) The processing is necessary for the Academy to perform a task in the public interest or to discharge its official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law
- (e) The processing is necessary for the legitimate interests of the Academy or the legitimate interests of a third party unless there is a good reason to protect the individual's personal data which overrides those legitimate interests (this does not apply if the Academy is processing data to perform its official tasks)

13. PROCESSING OF DATA ON CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

In order to comply with statutory guidance from the Department for Education issued under Section 175 of the Education Act 2002, the Academy obtains details of criminal allegations, proceedings and convictions for the purpose of safeguarding the young people and vulnerable adults for which it is responsible. This data is only retained for as long as required for this purpose and is then deleted. The Academy does not keep a comprehensive register of criminal convictions.

14. PRIVACY NOTICES, TRANSPARENCY AND CONTROL

The Academy aims to comply with the code of practice on communicating privacy information to individuals issued by the Information Commissioners' Office.

Privacy notices will be as informative as possible and will, as a minimum, inform individuals;

- That the Academy is the data controller
- How their personal data will be used by the Academy and with whom their data will be shared

Privacy information will be given before personal data is collected and may be communicated through a variety of media;

- In writing - forms, such as application forms; printed media; printed adverts
- Electronically - on the Academy website; in emails; in text messages; in mobile apps
- Orally - face to face or when speaking on the telephone (this will be documented)
- Through signage - for example an information poster in a public area

15. DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

The Academy aims to comply with the code of practice on conducting privacy impact assessments issued by the Information Commissioners' Office.

Risks created by the Academy's data processing activities are continuously monitored in order to identify when a type of processing is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals. This is most likely when any of the following conditions are present;

- Sensitive data or data of a highly personal nature
- Data concerning vulnerable data subjects
- Data processed on a large scale
- Applying new technological or organisational solutions

Where there might be a high likelihood that the rights and freedoms of individuals may be infringed the Data Protection Officer will arrange for a Data Protection Assessment to be undertaken. The Data Protection Assessment will incorporate the following steps;

- Describe the information flows
- Identify the privacy and related risks
- Identify and evaluate the privacy solutions
- Sign off and record the assessment outcomes

- Integrate the outcomes into the existing processes or project plan
- Consult with internal and external stakeholders as needed throughout the process

16. DATA SHARING

The Academy aims to comply with the code of practice on data sharing issued by the Information Commissioners' Office.

The Academy will inform an individual if is intended to share his or her personal data with another organisation and will normally obtain the consent of individual.

The Academy does not require the consent of a student to share his or her personal data for the purpose on complying with:

- Its contractual obligations with external stakeholders, including the local authority, educational institutions and funding agencies;
- Its legal obligations under the education acts and safeguarding legislation

The Academy may share personal data without the individual's knowledge, where, for example, personal data is processed for the:

- Prevention or detection of crime
- Apprehension or prosecution of offenders
- Assessment or collection of tax or duty

The Academy will share personal data with its service providers to the minimum extent required for those service providers to discharge their obligations to the Academy under relevant service contracts. Service providers includes auditors, payroll providers, bankers, debt collection agencies, software suppliers and providers of grant funding.

The Academy will not transfer personal data outside the European Union.

17. RETENTION OF DATA

The Academy will retain data in a form which permits the identification of data subjects for no longer than the purposes for which the data are processed.

18. REPORTING PERSONAL DATA BREACHES

A personal data breach means a breach of security leading to the destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data. This is more than a loss of personal data. All personal data breaches, or circumstances which may give rise to a personal data breach, must be reported to the Data Protection Officer immediately. The Data Protection Officer will investigate the alleged breach and prepare a written report.

If, in the opinion of the DPO, the breach is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals (if unaddressed, such a breach is likely to have a significant detrimental effect on individuals – for example, result in discrimination, damage to reputation, financial loss, loss of confidentiality or any other significant economic or social disadvantage) then the DPO will notify the Information Commissioner.

If, in the opinion of the DPO, the breach is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms then the DPO will, in addition, make arrangements to notify the individuals concerned.

19. CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV)

19.1 External security contractor

The campus has CCTV cameras placed in strategic positions for staff and students' safety and security. Data from this system is processed in accordance with General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

19.2 CCTV code of practice

- Any monitoring of data will be carried out only by a limited number of specified staff
- Personal data obtained during monitoring will be erased as soon as possible After any investigation is complete
- Data will only be made available to law enforcement agencies involved in the prevention and detection of crime, and no other third parties
- Staff involved in monitoring will maintain confidentiality in respect of personal data
- Data are securely stored, where only a limited number of authorised persons may have access to them
- The operating equipment is regularly checked to ensure that it is working properly (e.g. the recording media used is of an appropriate standard and that features on the equipment, such as the date and time stamp, are correctly set and applied to the data)

20. EXAMINATIONS

20.1 Examination scripts

Examination scripts are expressly exempted from the data subject access rules. This means that the Academy is under no obligation to permit examination candidates to have access to either original scripts or copies of the scripts.

20.2 Disclosure of examination results

Examination results (including other forms of assessment such as coursework marks, module marks, and phase tests) are personal data and, therefore, should not be disclosed to third parties without consent.

20.3 Internal and external examiners' comments

A data subject has the right to request a copy or summary 'in intelligible form' of internal and external examiners' comments, whether made on the script or in another form that allows them to be held and applied to the original script or to a specific candidate within 40 days.

21. COMPLAINTS

Any person who believes that the Academy has not complied with this Policy, or with any aspect of the wider General Data Protection Regulation 2018, should notify the Academy's

Data Protection Officer in the first instance. If the issue is not resolved, a complaint should be made in writing to the Directors and will be investigated in accordance with the Academy’s Complaints and Dissatisfactions Resolution Procedure, a copy of which may be obtained from Reception.

If the complainant is still unhappy with the Academy’s response or needs any advice he or she should contact the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) on the ICO helpline (telephone: 0303 123 1113) or go to the Information Commissioner’s website at <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection/make-a-complaint>.

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