

## **Free School Meals Fair Processing Notice**

This notice is to tell you about why we need your information and how we will handle it. This notice is for Free School Meals

### **What Information do we need from you?**

We need to know the following about you: Parent(s)/Guardian(s) names, contact details (home address, contact number, email address, date of birth, national insurance number and details of any benefits being claimed. We will also need the name of your child, their date of birth and the school they are attending.

We may also collect personal data about you from other organisations such as benefit agencies. We carry out data matching to identify children who may be entitled to free school meals.

### **Why do we need this?**

We need this information to administer and deliver a statutory requirement to deliver free school meals for children whose families receive the relevant qualifying benefits.

### **Why are we allowed to process your information?**

Data protection law allows us to process your information within certain conditions. In this case we are using our official authority or performance of a public task as the lawful condition for us to do this.

We are required under Section 512 of the Education Act 1996 to provide Free School Meals to eligible children within our area.

### **Who will we share this with?**

Sometimes we need to share your information with others. We will only do this when it is necessary to offer you this service, or if we are required to do so by law.

### **How will we keep it secure?**

We will take all reasonable steps to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information. Only the people who need to see your personal information will be allowed access to it. We will not send your information outside of the UK.

### **How long will we keep it for?**

We will only keep this information for as long as necessary or as the law requires. For this service that would normally be as long as the child is in the school system.

### **What if something changes?**

If the information you provided changes or your circumstances change, please contact [Freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk](mailto:Freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk). If we need to change something like who we want to share this information with, we will contact you to let you know.

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## What are your rights?

You may request to see a copy of the personal information we hold about you. The law also provides you with other rights regarding your information including; correction of inaccurate data, objection to processing, moving your information to somewhere else, and in some cases, getting your information deleted.

If you are unhappy with the way your data is being handled or if you need to contact Leicestershire County Council's Data Protection Officer, please contact the Information Governance Team: [informationgovernance@leics.gov.uk](mailto:informationgovernance@leics.gov.uk)

If you are not satisfied with any response you may receive from us based on a complaint or concern about your personal information, you then have the option of contacting the Information Commissioners Office to take that complaint further. The Information Commissioners Office does like to see that you have raised a complaint with the Council first and received a response before contacting them. If you do wish to contact them, the address details can be found below:

The Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate)

Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Email: [icocasework@ico.org.uk](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk)

Make a complaint: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>