



Privacy Notice – Website Use and Privacy

*This Privacy Notice has been written to inform you about how (processes your personal data when you visit our website. **This notice only applies to how the school uses your data when you visit our website.***

Who are we?

Springwater School is a 'Data Controller' as defined by Article 4 (7) of GDPR. This means that we determine the purposes for which, and the manner in which, your personal data is processed. We have a responsibility to you and your personal data and will only collect and use this in ways which are compliant with data protection legislation.

The school has appointed Veritau Ltd to be its Data Protection Officer (DPO). The role of the DPO is to ensure that the school is compliant with GDPR and to oversee data protection procedures. Veritau's contact details are:

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What are cookies?

A cookie is a small file of text that we store on your browser or the hard drive of your electronic device (computer, phone, or tablet etc). Cookies are anonymous and contain no personal information that will identify you personally.

We use third-party widgets (standalone application that is inserted into the website i.e. a newsfeed or banner) on the site, such as Google Analytics, Twitter and YouTube. These widgets may set their own cookies, and they also may use cookies that we have no control over. However, the cookie information from each of these sites is usually anonymous, unless you are logged in to those third-party systems while you are on our website.

What do we use cookies for?

We use cookies so that:

- We can distinguish you from other users of our website and provide a good experience
- We can remember the information you've provided us with while on our website, so you don't have to keep re-entering the information whenever you visit a new page
- We can look at how you use our website so that we can improve it for other users.

We do not use cookies to:

- Monitor your usage of other websites (privacy intrusive cookies)
- collect any personal information about you (without your express permission);
- collect any sensitive information;
- pass data to any advertising networks;
- pass personal data to third parties.

What cookie types do we use?

Cookie types and expiry:

- **Session cookies** - these are temporary and are erased when you close your browser at the end of your visit, or if you delete them earlier. The next time you visit our website we will not recognise you and will treat you as a completely new visitor.
- **Persistent cookies** - these remain on your hard drive until you erase them or they expire, this is after 12 months.

We may use one or more of the following kinds of cookies:

Strictly Necessary Cookies. These cookies are required for the operation of our website. This can include cookies that will enable you to log into a secure area of our website, e.g staff, parent or pupil area. Without these the website will not work as designed. These cookies do not require consent.

Functionality cookies. These cookies require consent. They are used to recognise you when you return to our website. The content is then personalised to you and can greet you by name (once in the secure area) or remember preferences that you may set.

Analytical/performance cookies. These cookies require consent. They allow us to count and recognise the number of visitors to our site. It also allows us to see when and how visitors navigate our website. Using these cookies helps us improve our website and make popular searched items easier to find.

How do we obtain consent for the use of cookies?

When you first visit our sites using a new browser, or if you visit in private browsing mode, we will provide you with a cookies permission banner seeking your consent to use of cookies as required by law.

How do I erase or opt out of the use of cookies?

You can change your cookie preferences at any time through our cookie banner, but please be aware that opting out of cookies may affect your user experience on our website.

Alternatively, most web browsers allow some control of most cookies through the browser settings. To find out more about cookies, including how to see what cookies have been set, visit www.aboutcookies.org or www.allaboutcookies.org.

Find out how to manage cookies on popular browsers:

- [Google Chrome](#)
- [Microsoft Edge](#)

- [Mozilla Firefox](#)
- [Microsoft Internet Explorer](#)
- [Opera](#)
- [Apple Safari](#)

To find information relating to other browsers, visit the browser developer's website.

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