

**Cookie**

**Policy**

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# Cookie Policy

We ask that you read this cookie policy carefully as it contains important information on the use of cookies on our website.

This cookie policy relates to your use of our website. Throughout our website we may link other websites owned and operated by certain trusted third parties. These other third-party websites may also use cookies or similar technologies in accordance with their own separate policies. For privacy information relating to these other third-party websites, please consult their policies.

**What are Cookies?**

Cookies are small data files that are placed on your computer or mobile device when you visit a website. Cookies are widely used by online service providers to help build a profile of users. Cookies enable the website to remember your actions and preferences (such as login, language, font size and other display preferences) over a period of time, so you don’t have to keep re-entering them whenever you come back to the site or browse from one page to another. They are also used to make websites work, or work more efficiently, as well as to provide information to the owners of the site. Some of this data will be aggregated or statistical, which means that we will not be able to identify you individually.

You can set your browser not to accept cookies and the information below explains how to remove cookies from your browser. However, some of our website features may not function as a result.

**Types of Cookies**

The cookies we place on your device fall into the following categories:

*Session cookies* - these cookies allow our website to link your actions during a particular browser session. They expire each time you close your browser and do not remain on your device afterwards.

Persistent cookies - these cookies are stored on your device in between browser sessions. They allow your preferences or actions across our website to be remembered. They will remain on your device until they expire, or until you delete them from your cache.

*Strictly necessary cookies* - these cookies are essential for you to be able to navigate our website and use its features. Without these cookies, the services you have asked for could not be provided.

*Performance cookies* - these cookies collect information about how you use our website, e.g., which pages you visit most often. These cookies do not collect personally identifiable information about you. All information collected by these cookies is aggregated and anonymous and is only used to improve how our website works.

*Functionality cookies* - these cookies allow our website to remember the choices you make (such as your username, language, last action and search preferences) and provide enhanced, more personal features. The information collected by these cookies is anonymous and cannot track your browsing activity on other websites.

**The Cookies We Use**

The table below provides more information about the cookies we use and why:

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| **The Cookies We Use** | **What They Do** |
| Necessary cookies  | These are cookies that are required for the operation of our website. They include, for example, cookies that enable you to log into secure areas of our website or make use of online booking forms. |
| Google Analytics | A web analytics service provided by Google. These cookies allow us to recognise and count the number of visitors and to see how visitors move around our website when they are using it. This helps us to improve the way our website works and is structured. Google Analytics allows us to collect standard internet log information and details of visitor behaviour patterns. We do this to find out things such as the number of visitors to the various parts of the site. This information is only processed in a way which does not identify anyone. We do not make any attempt to find out the identities of those visiting our website through Google Analytics. |
| Functionality cookies | These are used to recognise you when you return to our website. This enables us to personalise our content for you and remember your preferences. |
| Third-party cookies (for example, Twitter and Youtube) | Some third-party software utilises its own cookies over which we have little or no control. You can find out about their use of cookies by visiting the third party's website. |

**How We Use Your Cookies**

The academy may request cookies to be set on your computer or device. Cookies are used to let us know when you visit our website, how you interact with us and to make your experience using the school website better for you. The cookies we collect may differ depending on what you are looking at on our website. You are able to adapt your cookie preferences but by blocking certain types of cookies, it may mean that your experience on the website is impacted.

Enabling some of these cookies is not strictly necessary for the website to work but it will provide you with a better browsing experience. You can delete or block these cookies, but if you do that some features of this site may not work as intended.

The cookie-related information is not used to identify you personally. These cookies are not used for any purpose other than those described here.

**Consent to Use Cookies**

We will ask for your permission (consent) to place cookies or other similar technologies on your device, except where they are essential to provide you with a service that you have requested (e.g., to enable you to put items in your shopping basket and to use our check-out process).

There is a notice on our home page which describes how we use cookies and requests your consent to place cookies on your device.

**How to Turn Off Cookies**

You can control and/or delete cookies as you wish – for details, see aboutcookies.org. You can delete all cookies that are already on your computer and you can set most browsers to prevent them from being placed. If you do this, however, you may have to manually adjust some preferences every time you visit a site and some services and functionalities may not work.

You may refuse to accept cookies by activating the setting on your browser which allows you to refuse the setting of cookies. However, if you select this setting you may be unable to access certain parts of our site. Unless you have adjusted your browser setting so that it will refuse cookies, our system will issue cookies when you log on to our site.

For further information about cookies and how to disable them please go to the Information Commissioner's webpage on cookies: https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/online/cookies/. You can disable cookies yourself by following the steps at this link: https://www.aboutcookies.org.uk/managing-cookies.