



# **St Mary's Football Group Limited**

## **Privacy & Data Protection Policy**

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## INTRODUCTION

St Mary's Football Group ("SMFG") holds a large amount of personal data. This relates to job applicants, players, academy scholars, host families, our employees, sponsors, suppliers, fans and many other individuals.

We use this information for a variety of business purposes. This policy sets out how SMFG seeks to protect personal data and ensure our staff understand the rules governing their use of personal information to which they have access as part of their work.

As we seek to engage more actively with our fans and business partners, we must continue to be seen as an organisation that people can trust with their personal data, particularly as we hold a lot of personal data which is sensitive in nature. This sensitive data relates to our playing staff, academy players and other employees.

## WHO DOES THIS POLICY APPLY TO?

This policy applies to all companies in the St Mary's Football Group, as well as any other affiliated companies and organisations. Currently, this includes

- St Mary's Football Group Limited;
- All actively trading subsidiary companies of SMFG namely Southampton Football Club Limited, St Mary's Catering Limited and St Mary's Training Centre Limited; and
- All affiliated organisations such as Saints Foundation

This policy also applies to the global transfer or receipt of data. If you want to transfer data outside of the UK, the standard within this policy applies. Anyone wanting to transfer or receive data from a company outside of the UK must contact the Legal department.

This policy requires all staff to ensure that they consult with the Legal department before starting any significant new data processing activity. This will help to ensure that all risks can be appropriately assessed and relevant compliance steps introduced at the earliest stage possible.

**All staff must read, understand and follow this policy at all times.**





## OUR PRINCIPLES

Our policy is that we only process personal data in accordance with any applicable data protection laws and rights of individuals. All staff are personally responsible for the practical application of this policy. Importantly, everyone must understand the need to consider the impact of any data protection regulations in countries outside of the UK where we have operations or are seeking to transfer data to.

Everyone must observe the following principles in respect of the processing of personal data:

1. Process personal data fairly and lawfully in line with individuals' rights.
2. Ensure that any personal data processed for a specific purpose are adequate, relevant and not excessive for that purpose.
3. Keep all personal data accurate and up to date.
4. Keep personal data for no longer than is necessary for the stated purpose of collection (or in line with the relevant retention schedule).
5. Keep all personal data secure against loss or misuse.
6. Never to transfer personal data without ensuring that adequate protection is in place. The safeguards required will be particularly robust when transferring any data outside of the European Economic Area.

## WHAT IS PERSONAL DATA?

### Personal Data

Is information that could be used to identify any living individual regardless of the form in which it is held. This includes all information held as a paper copy, electronically or digitally stored. This could be a single piece of information or multiple bits of information that could be pieced together to identify an individual.

Importantly, personal data includes any expression of opinion about any individual or any indication of our intentions towards an individual. All staff should keep this in mind at all times as it means that all opinions or intentions (including those set out in any notes or emails) may have to be handed over to an individual if they request it.

### Sensitive Personal Data

Is personal data that relates an individual's:

- racial or ethnic origin;
- political opinions;
- religious or similar beliefs;
- trade union membership;
- physical health;
- mental health;
- sexual life;
- criminal record or any related proceedings.

Penalties for any misuse or mishandling of sensitive personal data are more severe. All use, storage or transfer of any personal data must comply with this policy.



## PROCESSING DATA FAIRLY

### Collecting Personal Data

When gathering personal data or setting up new data processing or sharing activities, all staff must ensure that individuals whose data is to be processed know all of the following:

- Exactly what information about them we are collecting and want to process;
- All specific reasons and purposes for collecting and processing that information.
- Who any data will be disclosed to or shared with (this includes all group companies and any external parties).

Staff must make sure that personal data being collected and processed by them remains adequate, relevant and proportionate for the purpose for which it was obtained.

### Processing Personal Data

Staff must not process any personal data unless:

- the individual whose details are being processed has provided clear and informed consent; or
- the processing is necessary and legitimate to the performance of SMFG's legal obligations or to exercise our legal rights; or
- SMFG has a legitimate business interest in processing that data which does not prejudice the individual's privacy.

Personal data obtained for one purpose must never be used for any additional or unconnected purpose without consent from the relevant individual.

### Sensitive Personal Information

We must always obtain an individual's explicit consent to process any sensitive personal data relating to them. Prior to getting this consent, we must clearly explain to them exactly how we propose to use that information.

There are no exceptions to this. If you are unsure about the storage, transfer or processing of any sensitive personal information please contact the Legal department immediately.



## DIRECT MARKETING

No one should ever make any contact with any individual to market any goods or services that we provide unless we have the express consent of that individual to do so. This includes all forms of marketing contact (e.g. email, by post etc.). All staff must abide by any request from an individual not to use their personal data for direct marketing purposes. Everyone is responsible for ensuring that our lists of consent are maintained and accurate.

Staff should contact the Legal department for advice on direct marketing before starting any new direct marketing activity whether aimed at private individuals or commercial activities.

## UPDATING INFORMATION

Everyone responsible for storing or processing any personal data must make sure that the information that they hold remains accurate and relevant to the purpose for which it was obtained.

This may mean that individual consent needs to be updated on a regular basis or the information itself needs to be reviewed or disposed of.



## RETAINING DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

Personal data should not be retained for any longer than necessary. The length of time over which data should be retained will depend upon a number of factors, including the reasons why the personal data was obtained. Staff must follow SMFG's document retention guidelines at all times.

Everyone must keep security issues in mind when disposing of information that they hold. All paper copies of personal information must be shredded or sent for secure shredding. Similarly, any electronic equipment must be appropriately wiped before being disposed of. Remember that deleting something from your computer does not permanently erase or destroy that information.

## TRANSFERRING DATA SECURELY

No one must ever transfer any personal data outside of the UK without first consulting the Legal department. There are restrictions on international transfers of personal data from the UK to other countries because of the need to that ensure adequate safeguards are in place to protect the security of that information. Staff unsure of what arrangements need to be put in place should contact the Legal department before agreeing to transfer any data.

## KEEPING INFORMATION SECURE

All staff must keep personal data secure against loss or misuse in accordance with SMFG's information security policies. Where SMFG engages any external organisation to process personal data on our behalf, appropriate security arrangements must always be implemented. Please involve the Legal department at the earliest opportunity so that any necessary steps to ensure compliance are addressed in the planning stages of any piece of work.

## RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS

All individuals, including our staff, are entitled to request access to all personal information relating to them that we hold. Staff should never try to handle these requests themselves and they should always be referred immediately to the Legal department. This is particularly important because we have a legal obligation to respond to certain requests within a strict time limit.

## SPEAKING UP

All staff have an obligation to report any possible breaches of this policy. Anyone choosing to report a breach or any concern may raise this to their line manager, to the Legal department or using our external Speak Up channels. Reporting of any concerns at the earliest opportunity will allow us to fully investigate any possible failure and take appropriate remedial steps if any are necessary. It will also mean that we are able to submit any applicable notification within the relevant timeframe.



**Never ignore any concern or leave it to others to report.**

**Always be responsible for *Speaking Up*.**

## MONITORING & REVIEW

The Legal department is responsible for the monitoring and implementation of this policy. If you have any questions about the content of this policy, or any other comments, you should contact them at the earliest opportunity. This policy is subject to review at least once every two years although we may update it at any time. Any new or modified policy will be circulated to staff.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Anyone with any questions or concerns about this policy should discuss them with their line manager or the Legal department.