Data Protection Privacy Statement - In accordance with statute law

In order to deliver services to the citizens and communities in Bedford Borough, it is necessary for the Council to collect, gather and process personal data about residents, staff and other individuals. Bedford Borough Council is committed to protecting your personal data when you use its services and/or correspond with it.

The Council has registered as a Data Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office. This registration can be viewed on the ICO website (opens in a new window) Registration Number Z5916725.

As a Data Controller, the Council sets out the purposes and methods for processing information and ensures safeguards over any personal and special category information it processes.

The sections below explain the arrangements we have in place to protect the information entrusted to the Council.

In relation to in accordance with statute law, Bedford Borough Council will process your personal data for the following processing purposes:

In accordance with statute law and the data will also be processed in order to send out information with regards to memorials, contact and opening times for Norse Road and Foster Hill Road Cemetery, together with events being held at both sites.

It is processing this personal data by virtue of the following Lawful Basis:

Consent of the data subject, Performance of a contract, Compliance with a legal obligation

The processing of your personal data will be restricted in time to:

Regulation 20 of the Cremations Regulations 1930 requires the Cremation Authority to number, file in order, and carefully preserve all applications, certificates and other documents relating to every cremation for a period of 15 years from the date of the cremation to which they relate unless a photographic copy is made in which case the original may be destroyed after two years.Photographiccopiesmustberetainedforthesaidperiodof15years.After thatperiod,theCremationAuthoritymay,ifseefit,destroy,however,itisimportantto note that the Register for Cremations, or any part of it, must never be destroyed.

Your personal data will be held by/for the Council within the UK or the EU.

The information you have provided is a statutory or contractual requirement: this is something we have to do. Please see details below, including any consequences if we do not receive the information:

Statutory Requirement however, we will use the data provided to send information to the Applicant with regards to memorials and services offered by Bereavement Services.

We have a range of measures to protect the personal data you provide. These include: cyber security; physical security of the Council's buildings and training on Data Protection for staff.

Bedford Borough Council is the Data Controller processing your information, who can be contacted as follows:

Information Governance
Bedford Borough Council
Borough Hall
Cauldwell Street
Bedford MK42 9AP
Email: dpo@bedford.gov.uk
Telephone: 01234 267422

If you wish to enquire about your rights as a data subject, whether you wish to request a copy of your own information that Bedford Borough Council holds, request for data portability; rectification or erasure of your data for any reason or objection to any processing, please contact the Council's GDPR Data Protection Officer email: dpo@bedford.gov.uk or send to the above address.

Alternatively, in the event that you remain dissatisfied with the way Bedford Borough Council has handled the processing of your information (i.e. after liaising with the Council to find a satisfactory solution), you have the right to contact the UK's Statutory Authority: The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who can be contacted by using the details displayed at the bottom of the page entitled Personal information and your rights | Bedford Borough Council on our website under the "Challenging the response" heading.

Changes to this Notice:

We keep this Privacy Notice under regular review; this Notice was last updated in August 2025.