



# Website Cookies Policy

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## Statement of Intent

We are aware of our responsibility to protect your privacy. As part of this responsibility, we let you know what information we collect using cookies when you use our websites, why we collect it and how we use it to improve your experience. You should read this policy in conjunction with the Privacy Policy for our website.

**AQUINAS Church of England Education Trust** (the Trust) website is [www.aquinastrust.org](http://www.aquinastrust.org).

### 1. What is a cookie?

Cookies are small files that allow a website to recognise and track users. They consist of simple text files of letters and numbers which are downloaded to your computer or mobile device when you visit our website.

Most cookies will not collect information that personally identifies you. They will collect more general information such as how users arrive at and use our website, or a user's general location.

### 2. How we use cookies

We use cookies to provide you with a positive experience when you browse through our website. Cookies measure how many people use our website so that we can make it easier to use and ensure there's enough capacity to make pages load quickly.

Generally, our cookies perform up to three different functions:

- **Strictly Essential Cookies** – These are cookies that are required for our website to operate properly. They enhance the site's functionality and provide you with an optimal experience as a website user. They also allow you to make use of our online systems, for example, our online "Contact" form. Without essential cookies, our site won't function properly, and if you set your internet browser to reject all cookies, then some elements of the site may not work for you.
- **Third Party Cookies** – These are cookies found in other companies' internet tools which we are using to enhance our site. For example, we have the school's Twitter feed on our homepage, and use Google Maps to show where our school is located. We have no control over the cookies set by Twitter or Google. You can visit [help.twitter.com/en/rules-and-policies/twitter-cookies](https://help.twitter.com/en/rules-and-policies/twitter-cookies) to find out more about how



Twitter uses cookies or [policies.google.com/technologies/cookies](https://policies.google.com/technologies/cookies) to find out more about how Google uses cookies.

- **Analytical/Performance Cookies** – These are cookies that allow us to recognise and count the number of visitors to the website and see how visitors move around the website when they are using it. We use Google Analytics cookies to track anonymous usage statistics and do not collect any personal information that can be used to identify you. This helps us to improve the way our website works, for example by ensuring that users are finding what they are looking for easily. For further information see Google’s Privacy Policy at [www.google.com/policies/privacy](https://www.google.com/policies/privacy).

While there are many legitimate uses for cookies to improve convenience and efficiency, some uses of cookies can lead to privacy concerns. These concerns typically emerge when a cookie holding personal information identifying you (e.g., name, email address, postal address etc.) is used across multiple sites to track users and internet usage.

The Aquinas Church of England Education Trust does not use cookies to hold any personal information or track users across multiple sites.

### 3. How you can withdraw your consent to the use of cookies

If you do not consent to the use of cookies on our website, you can exit our site now, or you can choose to disable/block cookies through your browser’s settings and continue to use our site without cookies. You can learn how to disable cookies, or how to remove cookies that have already been set on your computer/mobile device at:

[www.allaboutcookies.org/manage-cookies](https://www.allaboutcookies.org/manage-cookies).

Disabling cookies will, however, impact on the functionality of our website and you may find that some pages fail to display correctly or some of our interactive features do not work for you.

For any queries relating to the use of cookies, please contact our Data Protection Officer:

Data Protection Officer  
Aquinas Church of England Education Trust  
Magpie Hall Lane  
Bromley BR2 8HZ

Or, by email to [info@aquinatrust.org](mailto:info@aquinatrust.org).

If you would like a paper copy of this policy, we will provide this free of charge.

### 4. Further information on cookies

For more information about how to manage cookies and their uses visit [All About Cookies](https://www.allaboutcookies.org).

For information regarding the updated law on cookies, visit the [Information Commissioner's Office](https://ico.org.uk) (ICO).