

# FAMHACK



## Privacy Policy

Registration, team management, and CTF data handling for the FamHack website and event experience.

### VERSION NOTE

Effective date: 9 March 2026.

This draft is aligned to the current FamHack codebase. Items the repository does not define yet are left as explicit placeholders for the organisers to complete before publication.

# FamHack Privacy Policy

Version dated 9 March 2026. This policy is written for the FamHack registration site, team-management flow, and CTF features currently implemented in this repository.

## Placeholders To Finalise

Replace these before publishing the final public version: [ INSERT ORGANISING ENTITY NAME ], [ INSERT PRIVACY CONTACT EMAIL ], [ INSERT POSTAL ADDRESS IF NEEDED ], [ INSERT FINAL RETENTION SCHEDULE ], and [ CONFIRM LIVE HOSTING REGIONS / PROVIDER TERMS ].

Document owner	[ INSERT ORGANISING ENTITY NAME ]
Primary contact	[ INSERT PRIVACY CONTACT EMAIL ]
Applies to	FamHack registration, account verification, family/team management, dashboard use, and the FamHack CTF experience
Current technical stack	Static site pages, Vercel serverless functions, Supabase Auth, Supabase Postgres, and email OTP delivery configured through Supabase Auth

## 1. Who This Policy Covers

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This policy applies to people who visit the FamHack website, register interest in the event, sign in using their university email address, create or join an academic family team, use the dashboard, or participate in the FamHack CTF.

It is intended to describe the data practices visible in the current repository. If the live event introduces new forms, sponsors, analytics tools, photo capture, Discord servers, or mailing-list tools, the organisers should update this policy before collecting that extra data.

## 2. Who Is Responsible For Your Data

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The data controller or lead organiser for this event is currently not named in the repository. Until that detail is confirmed, this document refers to the controller as [ INSERT ORGANISING ENTITY NAME ].

If FamHack is being run by a student society, staff team, course team, or another University of Edinburgh body, that should be stated clearly in the final published version together with a working privacy contact channel.

## 3. Information We Collect

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### 3.1 Information you provide directly

The current FamHack flow collects or can collect the following data directly from participants:

- your university email address, limited by default to the '@ed.ac.uk' domain;
- whether you register as a parent or a child;
- your full name, where the relevant dashboard or team flow asks for it;
- your study year, where supplied;
- any team name created by a parent; and
- any answers, submissions, or interactions required to take part in the CTF.

### 3.2 Information created by using the service

When you use the service, the system also creates event administration records such as:

- authentication and verification state linked to your sign-in;
- timestamps for registration, profile updates, team creation, join requests, approvals, declines, transfers, and leaving a team;
- your membership role and status within a team;
- generated join codes for team access; and
- per-user CTF progress, solve times, and leaderboard records.

### 3.3 Technical and provider-side data

The repository uses Supabase, Vercel, and an SMTP provider configured through Supabase Auth. Those providers may process standard technical data such as IP address, device metadata, request logs, and delivery logs in order to provide sign-in, hosting, security, and email delivery. The exact scope depends on the live deployment configuration and provider settings.

## 4. Why We Use This Information

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FamHack uses personal data to:

- verify that participants are eligible to use the event flow;
- send and verify one-time login codes;
- record registration interest;
- let parents create families and let other participants join them safely;
- administer approvals, transfers, and team limits;
- run the CTF and produce progress or leaderboard information;
- detect misuse, abuse, cheating, or attacks against the service; and
- resolve operational issues, disputes, or participant support requests.

FamHack should not use this data for unrelated marketing unless the organisers add a separate opt-in and describe it clearly in this policy.

## 5. Legal Basis

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To the extent UK GDPR or similar data protection law applies, the likely legal bases for this processing are:

- legitimate interests in operating a university-focused community event securely and fairly;
- steps taken at the participant's request before entering into an event arrangement, such as registering or joining a team;
- performance of the event administration participants reasonably expect when they sign up; and
- consent where the organisers choose to introduce optional fields or optional communications later.

The final published version should be reviewed by **[ INSERT PRIVACY LEAD OR LEGAL REVIEW OWNER ]** if the organisers want a formal statement of legal basis tied to the actual operating entity.

## 6. Who We Share Data With

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Based on the current codebase, participant data may be shared with:

- authorised FamHack organisers who need access to run the event;
- Supabase, for authentication and database hosting;
- Vercel, for hosting and serverless execution;

- the SMTP or mail-delivery service configured through Supabase Auth, such as Resend if that setup is used; and
- competent authorities or advisers where disclosure is required by law or reasonably necessary to protect people or systems.

The repository does not indicate any sale of participant data. It also does not indicate third-party advertising trackers in the registration flow.

## 7. Retention

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The current repository does not implement an automatic deletion workflow for registration, profile, team, or CTF records. That means the live service may keep data until an organiser deletes it manually or the deployment is otherwise changed.

Before publication, the organisers should replace this section with a specific retention schedule. Suggested placeholder:

### Retention Placeholder

[ **INSERT FINAL RETENTION SCHEDULE** ]. Example structure: registration interest retained until event close-out plus a short admin period; team and CTF records retained only as long as needed for scoring, dispute resolution, and post-event reporting; infrastructure logs retained according to provider defaults unless a shorter window is configured.

## 8. Security

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The current implementation includes server-side validation, role checks, row-level security on core database tables, and restricted event flows. These measures reduce risk but do not guarantee absolute security.

Participants should still use their own device security, avoid sharing login codes, and report suspicious activity promptly to [ **INSERT SECURITY OR SUPPORT CONTACT** ].

## 9. International Transfers

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The repository itself does not confirm the final hosting region or storage region for the live deployment. Depending on how Supabase, Vercel, and the mail provider are configured, personal data may be

processed outside the UK.

The final published version should confirm the live regions and, if relevant, the transfer safeguard relied on by the organisers or their providers.

## 10. Your Rights

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If applicable law gives you data protection rights, you may have the right to request access to your data, correction of inaccurate data, deletion, restriction, objection, or portability, subject to legal limits and the nature of the event.

You may also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office in the UK if you believe your data has been handled unlawfully.

Requests should be sent to **[ INSERT PRIVACY CONTACT EMAIL ]**.

## 11. Third-Party Links And Additional Services

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If the live FamHack event later adds Discord, Instagram, mailing lists, sponsorship forms, ticketing, or other third-party tools, those services may have their own terms and privacy notices. The organisers should add them here before launch if they are used for participant data.

## 12. Changes To This Policy

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FamHack may update this policy when the event setup, providers, or data uses change. The organisers should publish the revised effective date and, where changes are material, provide a visible notice in the registration flow or on the website.

## 13. Contact

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Privacy questions, access requests, and deletion requests should be sent to:

Contact name	<b>[ INSERT PRIVACY LEAD NAME ]</b>
Email	<b>[ INSERT PRIVACY CONTACT EMAIL ]</b>
Organisation	<b>[ INSERT ORGANISING ENTITY NAME ]</b>
Postal address	<b>[ INSERT POSTAL ADDRESS IF NEEDED ]</b>