## **Cookie policy**

### What are cookies?

A cookie is a small text file that is stored on your computer in its web browser. Cookies help you to navigate websites more effectively by remembering the settings and choices you make during your visits to a website. Cookies are essentially a user's identification card for using any website or service and make your interaction with them faster and more personal.

## Types of cookies

**'Session cookies'** are temporary cookies that are automatically erased when you close your web browser. They store information during your visit to a website and keep track of your movement from page to page so that you don't get asked for the same information you've already provided.

'Persistent cookies' help websites remember your settings and preferences to improve your user experience when you revisit the site in the future, for example by remembering your username at login. These cookies remain on your computer until they expire or you choose to manually erase them (see 'How to control cookies' below)

#### How we use cookies

In general, this web site and any other Garden Organic web sites to which it connects, aim to intrude as little as possible on your privacy. We do not track your personal data for advertising purposes; nor do we sell it; nor do we actively store detailed information about your browsing. Such data as are collected are generally held at the global level of, for example, which browsers and operating systems are used, which helps us to tailor our site design to better suit our users.

We use cookies to perform useful functions such as remembering your username and enabling a positive experience during your visit to the site. We may also use tracking information to enhance the usability and performance of the site, for example by optimising the site to suit the devices or browsers that our users are accessing the site with.

We never use cookies to collect or share any personally identifiable information about you.

# Cookie consent and how to control cookies?

Under EU cookie law you have the right to control access by consent of any non-essential cookies used by this site. Please note that disabling cookies may result in some features and services on this site not functioning as designed or intended.

If you choose not to consent to any non-essential cookies, you must disable these cookies within your browser. For information on how to control cookies within a range of browsers, the Information Commissioners Office (<a href="ico.org.uk">ico.org.uk</a>) have created a useful web page with a range of resources detailing <a href="how to control and delete cookies">how to control and delete cookies</a> on your specific web browser.

To opt out of being tracked by Google Analytics across all websites visit <a href="http://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout">http://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout</a>.

This cookie policy will be reviewed annually and updated whenever we make any changes to the cookies we set or our use of site cookies. We'll inform you of changes by asking you to review any updated policy document and remind you of your right to control access by consent to our cookie use.

## What specific cookies are set on our website?

The table below shows all of the cookies which have been installed by us to enable essential functionality and improve the user experience for our visitors. These are called 'first party cookies' because they are set by us, the table shows the name, expiry date and purpose of each cookie.

Cookie name	Expiry	Purpose
MoodleSession	When the user closes	You must allow this cookie in your
	their browser or finishes	browser to provide continuity and to
	their web session	remain logged in when browsing the site.
		This is a session cookie so when you log
		out or close the browser, this cookie is
		destroyed (in your browser and on the
		server).
_pk_ses.408.227a	24 Hrs from initiation	This session cookie stores information
		about your site visit over 24hrs so that if
		you return to the site within this
		timeframe the site will remember certain
		aspects of your previous visit for a better
		user experience and display any
		notifications to you only once for
		convenience.
_pk_id.408.227a	12 Months from	This cookie is for convenience and
	initiation	remembers your username in the browser
		so that when you return to the site, the
		username field on the login page is
		already filled in for you. This is a persistent
		cookie and if you choose to decline it you
		will be required to retype your username
		each time you login.

# **Third Party Cookies:**

When you visit our websites there are some cookies set by web services we use to deliver our content and are not set by us, these are referred to as third party cookies. When you visit a page that contains embedded content, for example from YouTube, these websites

may set cookies for a variety of purposes. We have no control over the setting of these cookies so advise you check the third-party websites for more information about their cookies and how to manage them.

We use YouTube and Vimeo to embed video content onto this site. Both of these content providers may use cookies which are set on your computer only when you click on the embedded video player. We utilise the 'privacy enhanced mode' for each site which means they will not store any personally-identifiable cookie information for playbacks of embedded videos. To find out more please review the terms for each service:

Vimeo cookie policy

Youtube embedded video information page

### FAQ

#### What is EU cookie law?

The EU Cookie Law is amended privacy legislation that requires websites to obtain informed consent from visitors before they can store or retrieve any information on a computer or any other web connected device - taken from <a href="http://www.cookielaw.org/">http://www.cookielaw.org/</a>.

Please see our site <u>privacy policy</u> for further information on information we collect and how to contact us if you have a query regarding your data.