If you use the .NET SDK or the AWS Tools for Windows PowerShell, instead of using the centralized credentials file,

you store credentials in the SDK Store. This option keeps encrypted credentials in your user folder.

you can store multiple sets of credentials using different profile names. You can manage the SDK Store in two ways:

using a graphical interface that's part of the AWS Toolkit for Visual Studio, or using PowerShell commands.

To store environment variables

add it to .gitignore so this file is ignored to .git.

This way we can use our keys and tokens in our local environment and be safe from getting these sensitive data exposed to others on Github.