



## **Schools Privacy Notice Pupils**

### **What is your “Personal Data”?**

Personal Data is information that says something about you as an individual, so it would normally include your name, and/or contact details, or even a photograph of you.

### **What kind of information do we hold about you?**

Apart from information that you give us, we may also receive information about you from your previous schools, the local authority and the Department of Education (DfE).

This information will include your and your parents/guardians contact details, your assessment results, attendance information, any exclusion information, where you go after you leave us and personal characteristics such as your ethnic group and any medical conditions, special educational or dietary needs you want us to know about.

The categories of pupil information that we collect, hold and share include:

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Assessment Data (such as yearly records of attainment and school reports)

Without your consent, we will not process any personal data about you which we do not need.

### **Why do we need your information?**

We need to use your personal data in order to:

- Support your learning
- Monitor and report your progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Provide services needed while at school; and
- Assess the quality of our service

The purpose of processing your information is to provide you with the best education we can, as well as to meet our other legal requirements.

The legal basis for using this personal data are various Acts of Parliament including the Education Act 2011, Children's Act 2004 and Equality Act 2010.

## **Collecting pupil information**

Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain pupil information to us or if you have a choice in this.

## **Storing pupil data**

We hold numerous data types which are held for varying lengths of time:

- Admission register data is kept for up to six years after the child has left the school.
- Attendance is kept for up to six years.
- Data on SEND pupils can be kept for up to 30 years after the date of the last review.
- Internal and external assessment data is kept for six years.
- Parental permission slips will be kept until the conclusion of the trip (exceptions may be made where there has been a major incident will kept for 25 years for all pupils on affected trip).
- Incident books will be kept for 25 years

## **Who we share pupil information with**

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupil's attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- SIMS (Management Information system used in school)
- School Doctor/Nurse
- Teachers2Parents (Text messaging service)
- CPOMS (School reporting system)
- Angel Solutions/Balance (School assessment system)
- Osborne Technologies/Entry Sign (School signing in/out system)
- Parent Pay (School Payment system)

- Tapestry (Recoding in EYFS)

## **Why we share pupil information**

We do not share information about our pupils with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

We share pupils' data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.

We are required to share information about our pupils with our local authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE) under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

## **Data collection requirements:**

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education (for example; via the school census) go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

## The National Pupil Database (NPD)

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about pupils in schools in England. It provides invaluable evidence on educational performance to inform independent research, as well as studies commissioned by the Department. It is held in electronic format for statistical purposes. This information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and awarding bodies.

We are required by law, to provide information about our pupils to the DfE as part of statutory data collections such as the school census and early years' census. Some of this information is then stored in the NPD. The law that allows this is the Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>.

The department may share information about our pupils from the NPD with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children in England by:

- conducting research or analysis
- producing statistics
- providing information, advice or guidance

The Department has robust processes in place to ensure the confidentiality of our data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access and use of the data. Decisions on whether DfE releases data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and based on a detailed assessment of:

- who is requesting the data
- the purpose for which it is required
- the level and sensitivity of data requested: and
- the arrangements in place to store and handle the data

To be granted access to pupil information, organisations must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information about the department's data sharing process, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

For information about which organisations the department has provided pupil information, (and for which project), please visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received>

To contact DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

## Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents and pupils have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, or be given access to your child's educational record, contact **Cath McGuinness Bursar**

You also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing
- object to decisions being taken by automated means
- in certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

## Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:

**Jenna McCaffery Head teacher**

**Cath McGuinness Bursar**