

Privacy Notice: how we use pupil information

The purpose of this notice is to give pupils and their parent(s)/carer(s) information on how personal data is used in our educational setting.

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 information
- Special educational needs information
- Relevant medical information
- Exclusions/behavioural information
- Safeguarding information
- Post 16 learning and vocational information (where relevant).

Why we collect and use this information

We collect and use pupil data under legal and statutory obligations within the Education Act 1996; The Children Act 2004; Education and Inspections Act 2006; Education Act 2011; the Children and Families Act 2014.

We use pupil data:

- To support pupil learning
- To monitor and report on pupil progress
- To provide appropriate pastoral care
- To assess the quality of our services
- To comply with the law regarding data sharing
- To safeguard pupils
- To provide academic, examination and career references for pupils

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use pupil information under Article 6(1)(e) Public Task: data processing which is necessary to allow the school to function, and Article 9(2)(a) data processed with the explicit consent of an individual.

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 pupil data for the periods of time recommended in the Information and Records Management Society (IRMS) Schools Toolkit: [IRMS Schools Toolkit](#).

Who we share pupil information with

- Schools and colleges that pupils attend after leaving us
- Our local authority, including the Education Welfare Officer
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- Agencies such as the Standards and Testing Agency, Ofsted, the Department of Health and Social Care, the Police and Social Services
- The National Health Service (for routine health checks and vaccinations undertaken in schools)
- Educational software providers for services to enhance the curriculum.

These bodies act as data controllers in respect of the data they receive, and are subject to the same legal constraints in how they deal with the data.

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 pupil 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 regulation 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>.

Youth support services

Pupils aged 13+

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we also pass pupil information to our local authority and/or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- Youth support services
- Careers advisers.

A parent or guardian can request that **only** their child's name, address and date of birth is passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us. This right is transferred to the child/pupil once he/she reaches the age 16.

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 the 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 to, (and for which project), please visit the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received>.

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

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parent(s)/carer(s) and pupils have the right to request access to the information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information or to be given access to your child's educational record, contact the Head of School.

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
- 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 the school 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 the Head of School in the first instance.