

Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)

Why do we collect and use pupil information?

We collect and use pupil information under the General Data Protection Regulations 2018. Particularly under Article 6, where the information is collected and used because it is required by our academies in order to carry out the task of educating and ensuring the welfare of our pupils.

We also collect and use pupil information in order to help pupils with additional special needs and requirements, so that we can ensure we offer the best possible support and resources to them (and their parents and carers) during their time in our school.

We use the pupil data to:

- Support pupil learning
- Monitor and report on pupil progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Assess the quality of our teaching
- Comply with the law regarding data sharing

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) although this is non-statutory in early years.
- Relevant medical information
- Assessment information
- Special educational needs information
- Exclusions/behavioural information

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 early years pupils until they leave our school to move on to Primary School.

Who do we share pupil information with?

We routinely share pupil information with:

- Schools that the pupil will attend after leaving us
- The local authority (Oxfordshire County Council)
- The Department for Education
- NHS – professionals involved in particular pupils

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

We are required to share information about our pupils with the DfE under regulation 5 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 DfE (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 DfE 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 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 strict approval processes 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
- 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 DfE'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 DfE 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 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 in writing the Headteacher outlining your request.

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, you should raise your concern with us in the first instance or directly to 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

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