

Cheapside CE Primary



School Privacy Notice for Pupils/Parents/Carers 2023 (How we use personal information)

This document provides insight into how information about pupils/parents is used in our school.

Why do we collect and use personal information?

We collect and use personal information:

- to fulfil statutory responsibilities, legislative duties or duty of care
- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services and how well our school is doing
- Statistical forecasting and planning
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to comply with our Safeguarding procedures
- for the protection of vital interests
- for the provision of health and wellbeing

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

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- Characteristics (such as religion, ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Family and contact details
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons) and exclusions
- Assessment information
- Modes of travel
- Relevant medical, special educational needs and behavioural information

The General Data Protection Regulation allows us to collect and use pupil information:

- where processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of a data subject or another person
- where we are complying with a legal requirement
- where we have obtained the consent of the data subject
- where processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest
- in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller

When the personal information is a Special Category of Information (formerly Sensitive Personal Information) we may rely on processing being in the substantial public interest in addition to consent of the data subject and the vital interests of the data subject or another.

The legal basis for processing this data includes the Education Act 1996, 2002 and 2011, The Childrens Act 1989 and 2004, Education and Skills Act 2008, Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 and the Equalities Act 2010.

We comply with Article 6(1)(c) and Article 9(2)(b) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)/Data Protection Act 2018.

Collecting personal information

Whilst the majority of personal information provided 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 personal information to us or if you have a choice in this. Where we are using your personal information only on the basis of your permission you may ask us to stop processing this personal information at any time.

Storing personal data

We hold pupil/parent/carer data on local and cloud-based computer systems, as well as on paper. There are strict controls on who can see your information, in accordance with our retention schedule.

Who do we share pupil information with?

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- services that support teaching, learning, assessment, safeguarding and school management
- catering services
- parental communication services and on-line payment systems
- health services
- providers of extra-curricular services such as music services, before/after school clubs (where the child/young person accesses these services)
- academy trusts, federations
- curriculum on-line software programmes

Why we share pupil information

We do not share personal information 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 pupil information we share with the department, for the purpose of data collections, go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

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

The DfE 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 personal data

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, please use the contact details at the end of this document.

You also have the right, subject to some limitations 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, 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:

Our nominated Data Protection Officer, by email, at the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead – dpa@rbwm.gov.uk

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