



UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

GDPR Privacy Policy

– how we use pupil information

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HR Committee

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Privacy Policy - How we use pupil information

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

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- Parental information
- 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)
- Dietary Requirements
- Medical needs
- Assessment information
- Special Educational Needs Information
- Child Protection Information

Why we collect and use this information

We use the 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 ensure child protection and safeguarding
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing (GDPR)

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use pupil information either because we have a legal obligation to do so or because we are pursuing our public interest tasks in delivering education (Article 6 sections 1 (c) and (e) of the General Data Protection Regulation). We collect and use sensitive pupil information primarily with explicit parental consent though occasionally without consent, for example in an urgent safeguarding situation (Article 9 sections 2 (a) and 2 (g) of the General Data Protection Regulation).

We also collect and use pupil information under the Education Act 1996.

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 7 years after departure.

Child Protection files are transferred to the child's next school when they leave. They are kept for 25 years.

Who 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)
- NHS
- In some instances we may share information with third party companies. We have engaged their services to enable us to store and use pupil data within school. These companies have provided us with declarations that they collect, hold, and store information ensuring security arrangements, retention and the use of sensitive data we have provided them with is in compliance with GDPR legislation.

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 the (DfE) under 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. Parents can withhold some information (e.g. ethnicity) from census collection if they wish to do so.

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 the School's designated Data Protection Lead. You also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal data, especially if it 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 Data Protection legislation

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:

School's Designated Data Protection Lead – Amy White
Email – dataprotection@universityprimaryschool.org.uk
Tel – 01223 792440

(You also have the right to contact directly our statutory Data Protection Officer – James Knapton, University of Cambridge, James.Knapton@admin.cam.ac.uk – but we recommend that you contact the School's Designated Data Protection Lead in the first instance.)