



Brent



Privacy Notice - How we use pupil information

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How we use your information

Our privacy notices explain what to expect when St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School collects personal information.

We are writing to you to help you understand how and why we collect personal data about you and your child. It also explains the decisions that you can make about your own information.

What is Personal Data?

Personal data is information that identifies you or your child as an individual, either directly or indirectly. This includes your contact details, next of kin, and financial information. We may also hold information such as your religion or ethnic group. CCTV, photos and video recordings of you are also personal data.

In this notice St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School is the data controller as defined by Data Protection legislation.

Our Data Protection Officer is:

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How and Why Does the School Collect Personal Data?

We obtain information about you from admissions forms you supply to the school. We may also get information from professionals such as doctors and from local authorities.

Information is also received by the School directly from you. For example, you might email us with information about your marital status or provide us with documents such as Court Orders.

We collect this information to safeguard and promote the welfare of your child, promote the objects and interests of the School, facilitate the efficient operation of the School, and ensure that all relevant legal obligations of the School are complied with.

Here are some examples:

- We may have information about any family circumstances which might affect your child's welfare or happiness;
- We ask if any of your child's immediate family members have special educational needs because in some cases these can be hereditary. The School can then use this information to assist your child;
- We may need information about any Court Orders or criminal petitions which relate to you; and
- We use CCTV to make sure the school site is safe.

- We may keep details of your address when your child leaves the School so we can keep in touch with your child and send relevant information about the school and find out how your child is progressing.

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)
- These might include assessment information, relevant medical information, special educational needs information, exclusions / behavioural 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 comply with the law regarding data sharing

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use information under one or more of the following legal basis.

- Legal obligation – we need to process your information to comply with the law
- Public task – we need to process your information to carry out the task to provide you with an education
- Contract – we need to process your information as part of a contract such as contract of employment
- Consent – we need your permission to use your information

Where we require consent to use your information we will make it clear when we ask for consent, and explain how to go about withdrawing your consent.

We also process special category data such as race, ethnic origin, religion and health.

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 file for the duration of their time at primary school, after which the pupil file is transferred to their new setting. Management Information System data is retained for a maximum of 25 years from the child's date of birth.

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)
- Health - NHS

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 the data protection officer.

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 the school office on 020 8965 5651.