

Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)

The Wensum Trust, is the data controller for the use of personal data in this privacy notice. If you have any queries regarding this privacy notice or how the Wensum Trust processes your information you can contact the Data Protection Officer whose details are listed at the end of this notice.

COVID-19 Update: *Personal data is collected and processed by the Wensum Trust and shared with the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) for the purpose of maintaining records of staff, customers and visitors to support NHS Test and Trace. Details of how personal information is collected and processed, including retention periods is included on the [government website](#).*

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

- personal information (such as name, unique pupil number, contact numbers and address)
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, free school meal eligibility)
- safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- special educational needs (including the needs and ranking)
- medical and administration (such as doctors information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements)
- attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- assessment and attainment (such as key stage 1 and phonics results, post 16 courses enrolled for and any relevant results)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)

Why we collect and use this information

The personal data collected is essential, for the school to fulfil their official functions and meet legal requirements.

We collect and use pupil information, for the following purposes:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil attainment and progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- to meet the statutory duties placed upon us by the Department for Education

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and process pupil information under Article 6 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to perform our official function (public task).

We collect and process pupil information classed as special category data, e.g. race, ethnicity etc. under Article 9 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to carry out tasks in the public interest.

Collecting pupil information

We collect information via data collection forms, common transfer files (CTF) or secure file transfer from previous schools.

Pupil data is essential for the schools' operational use. Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it requested on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the data protection legislation, we will inform you at the point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain pupil information to us or if you have a choice in this and we will tell you what you need to do if you do not want to share this information with us.

Storing pupil data

We hold pupil data for the amount of time specified in the Wensum Trust retention schedule. Please contact the Wensum Trust for further details of the retention schedule (info@wensumtrust.org.uk).

Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that a pupil attends after leaving us
- youth support services (pupils aged 13+)
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- the local authority
- The Wensum Trust
- the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC)

We also share information with third party suppliers to support our core function of providing education, training, and welfare and support services.

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.

Schools a pupil attends after leaving us

We share pupils' data via common transfer files (CTF), which are sent via a secure government website. Paper files are transferred in person or via secure post.

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 regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

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 object to any information in addition to their child's name, address and date of birth being passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us. This right is transferred to the child / pupil once they reach the age 16.

Data is transferred to the youth services via a secure website.

Please visit the local authority website for more information regarding services for young people.

Pupils aged 16+

We will also share certain information about pupils aged 16+ with 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:

- post-16 education and training providers
- youth support services
- careers advisers

Once a pupil reaches the age of 16 they can object to only their name, address and date of birth is passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us.

All data is transferred securely and held by the youth support services under a combination of software and hardware controls, which meet the current [government security policy framework](#).

For more information about services for young people, please visit our local authority website.

Department for Education

The Department for Education (DfE) collects personal data from educational settings and local authorities via various statutory data collections. We are required to share information about our pupils with the Department for Education (DfE) either directly or via our local authority for the purpose of those data collections, under regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

All data is transferred securely and held by DfE under a combination of software and hardware controls, which meet the current [government security policy framework](#).

For more information, please see 'How Government uses your data' section.

The Local Authority

We may be required to share information about our pupils with the local authority to ensure that they can conduct their statutory duties under

- the [Schools Admission Code](#), including conducting Fair Access Panels.

The Wensum Trust

We share information with the Wensum Trust to support schools in fulfilling their official function and for the purpose set out in the 'why we collect and use this information' section.

Any personal data is accessed by authorised personnel using the school management information systems.

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 our Data Protection Officer; Data Protection Education Ltd. (dpo@dataprotection.education).

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
- a right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts

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/>

Withdrawal of consent and the right to lodge a complaint

Where we are processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting the school office (info@wensumtrust.org.uk).

Last updated

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. This version was last updated on 1st September 2020.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice please contact our Data Protection Officer; Data Protection Education Ltd. (dpo@dataprotection.education).

How Government uses your data

The pupil data that we lawfully share with the DfE through data collections:

- underpins school funding, which is calculated based upon the numbers of children and their characteristics in each school.
- informs 'short term' education policy monitoring and school accountability and intervention (for example, school GCSE results or Pupil Progress measures).
- supports 'longer term' research and monitoring of educational policy (for example how certain subject choices go on to affect education or earnings beyond school)

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)

Much of the data about pupils in England goes on to be held in 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.

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

Sharing by the Department for Education

The law allows the Department to share pupils' personal data with certain third parties, including:

- schools
- local authorities
- researchers
- organisations connected with promoting the education or wellbeing of children in England
- other government departments and agencies
- organisations fighting or identifying crime

For more information about the Department's NPD data sharing process, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

Organisations fighting or identifying crime may use their legal powers to contact DfE to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime. Whilst numbers fluctuate slightly over time, DfE typically supplies data on around 600 pupils per year to the Home Office and roughly 1 per year to the Police.

For information about which organisations the Department has provided pupil information, (and for which project) or to access a monthly breakdown of data share volumes with Home Office and the Police please visit the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfe-external-data-shares>

How to find out what personal information DfE hold about you

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018, you are entitled to ask the Department:

- if they are processing your personal data
- for a description of the data they hold about you
- the reasons they're holding it and any recipient it may be disclosed to
- for a copy of your personal data and any details of its source

If you want to see the personal data held about you by the Department, you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department's personal information charter that is published at the address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter>

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