



Pupil and Parent/Carer privacy notice

Introduction

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how we use any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data. This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use **pupil and parent/carers** personal data.

We, St Aidan's VC C of E Primary School, are the Data Controller for the purposes of data protection law. We have appointed Grow Education Partners Ltd as our data protection officer (DPO) and the responsible contact is David Coy (see 'Contact us' below).

In this privacy notice all references to 'you / your' include both the pupil and the pupil's parents/carers, both individually and collectively, unless otherwise specified.

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1 The Personal data we process

Personal data that we may collect, use, store, and share (when appropriate) about pupils & parents/carers includes, but is not limited to:

- personal Information (such as name, date of birth, unique pupil number, parent's/carer's national insurance number);
- contact details and preferences (such as telephone number, email address, postal address, for you and your emergency contacts);
- assessment information (such as data scores, tracking, and internal/external testing);
- protected characteristics, (such as ethnic background, religion or belief);
- special educational needs information (such as EHCPs, statements, applications for support, care or support plans);
- exclusion information;
- relevant medical information (such as NHS information, health checks, physical and mental health care, immunisation status and allergies and medical conditions, including physical and mental health);
- attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons);
- safeguarding information;
- details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers;
- photographs & Videos (such as for internal safeguarding & security purposes, school newsletters, media and promotional purposes);
- closed-circuit television (CCTV) images captured in school;
- data about your use of the school's information and communications systems;
- payment and banking details where required.

1.1 We may also hold data about pupils that we have received from other organisations, including other schools, local authorities and the Department for Education (DfE).

1.2 A full breakdown of the information we collect on pupils & parents/carers is available from the school office on request.

2 Why we collect and process this data

The purpose of collecting and processing this data includes but is not limited to:

- contacting you in relation to your child or to inform you about School events and updates;
- supporting pupil learning;
- monitoring and reporting on pupil progress;
- providing appropriate pastoral care;
- protecting pupil welfare and safeguarding;
- assessing the quality of our services;
- administering admissions waiting lists;
- carrying out research;
- complying with the law regarding data sharing;
- adhering to the statutory duties placed upon us by the DfE.

3 Our lawful basis for using this data

This section contains information about the legal basis that we are relying on when handling your information. These are defined under data protection legislation and, for personally identifiable information, are:

- You have given consent for one or more specific purposes.
- Processing is necessary to comply with the school's legal obligations.
- Processing is necessary to protect your vital interests.
- Processing is necessary for tasks in the public interest or exercise of authority vested in the controller (the provision of education)
- Processing is necessary for the school's legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party.

3.1 When we process special category information, which is deemed to be more sensitive, the following lawful basis are used:

- You have given explicit consent.
- It is necessary to fulfil the school's obligations or your obligations.
- It is necessary to protect your vital interests.
- Processing is carried out by a foundation or not-for-profit organisation (includes religious, political or philosophical organisations and trade unions).
- Reasons of public interest in the area of public health.

3.2 An example of how we use the information you provide is the submission of the school census returns, including a set of named pupil records, which is a statutory requirement of schools under Section 537A of the Education Act 1996. Putting the school census on a statutory basis:

- means that schools do not need to obtain parental or pupil consent to the provision of information.
- ensures schools are protected from any legal challenge that they are breaching a duty of confidence to pupils.
- helps to ensure that returns are completed by schools.

3.3 Where we have obtained consent to use pupils' personal data, this consent can be withdrawn at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for consent and explain how consent can be withdrawn.

4 Collecting data

Whilst the majority of information we collect about pupils & parents/carers is mandatory, there is some information that is provided voluntarily. Whenever we seek to collect information from you or your child, we make it clear whether providing it is mandatory or optional. If it is mandatory, we will explain the possible consequences of not complying.

5 How we store this data

We hold pupil data whilst the child remains at the school. The file will follow the pupil when he / she leaves, except where there is a legal obligation to retain the information beyond that period. We currently hold data according to the Information and Records Management Society's toolkit for schools. Where permission has been given by parents for the use of their children's photographs, these may remain in publications and displays.

We keep your information for as long as we need to in order to educate and look after our pupils. The majority of this will be stored in the pupil file and this file will follow the pupil whenever they move schools and will be retained by the last school the pupil attends.

- 5.1 Where we are legally required or have a lawful basis to do so we will keep some information after your child has left the School. This will be retained in line with our Data retention policy, a copy of which is available from the school office on request.
- 5.2 To protect your data, we have data protection policies and procedures in place, including strong organisational and technical measures, which are regularly reviewed. Further information can be found in our Data protection policy, available on our website or from the school office on request.

6 Who we share this data with

In order for us to legally, effectively and efficiently function we are required to share data with appropriate third parties, including but not limited to:

- our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions;
- The DfE- to meet our legal obligations to share certain information;
- the pupil's family and representatives- such as in the event of an emergency;
- educators and examining bodies- such as ensuring we adhere to examining regulations to guarantee the validity of examinations;
- Ofsted- during the course of a school inspection;
- suppliers and service providers – to enable them to fulfil their contracts;
- central and local government;
- our auditors- to ensure compliance with our legal obligations;
- health authorities (NHS) - to ensure the wellbeing of pupils;
- security organisations to create a secure workplace for everyone;
- health and social welfare organisations;
- professional advisers and consultants - for us to develop and best provide our services;
- charities and voluntary organisations;
- police forces, courts, tribunals, security services - to create a secure workplace for all at the school;
- professional bodies;
- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us.

7 Transferring data internationally

We may send your information to other countries when:

- we, or a company we work with, store information on computer servers based overseas;
- we communicate with you when you are overseas.

- 7.1 We conduct due diligence on the companies we share data with and note whether they process data in the UK, EEA (which means the European Union, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland) or outside the EEA. The UK and countries in the EEA are obliged to adhere to the requirements of the GDPR and have equivalent legislation which confers the same level of protection to your personal data.
- 7.2 For organisations who process data outside the UK and EEA we will assess the circumstances of how this occurs and ensure there is no undue risk. Additionally, we will assess if there are adequate legal provisions in place to transfer data outside the UK.

8 Why we share pupil information

We are required to share information about our pupils with our local authority (LA) and the DfE under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.

9 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>.

10 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. Data 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>.

- 10.1 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.

- 10.2 The DfE 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 it 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;
 - the arrangements in place to store and handle the data.

- 10.3 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.

- 10.4 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>.

- 10.5 For information about which organisations the DfE has provided pupil information, (and for which project), please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received>.

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

11 Data protection rights

Individuals have a right to make a ‘**subject access request**’ to gain access to personal information that the school holds about them. If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you, we can:

- give you a description of what we hold;
- Tell you why we are holding and processing it, and how long we will keep it for
- explain where we got it from, if not from you;
- tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with;
- let you know whether any automated decision-making is being applied to the data, and any consequences of this;
- give you a copy of the information in an intelligible form;
- NOT provide information where it compromises the privacy of others.

You may also have the right for your personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances.

11.1 Parents/carers also have a legal right of access to their child’s educational record.

11.2 In most cases, we will respond to subject access requests within 1 month, as required under data protection legislation, however we may extend this period by up to 2 months for complex requests or exceptional circumstances.

11.3 You may also:

- withdraw your consent to processing at any time (this only relates to data for which the school relies on consent as a lawful basis for processing);
- ask us to rectify, erase or restrict processing of your personal data, or object to the processing of it in certain circumstances and where sufficient supporting evidence is supplied;
- prevent the use of your personal data for direct marketing;
- challenge processing which has been justified on the basis of public interest, official authority or legitimate interests;
- request a copy of agreements under which your personal data is transferred outside the United Kingdom;
- object to decisions based solely on automated decision making or profiling (decisions taken with no human involvement, that might negatively affect you);
- request a cease to any processing that is likely to cause damage or distress;
- be notified of a data breach in certain circumstances;
- ask for your personal data to be transferred to a third party in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format (in certain circumstances);
- refer a complaint to the ICO.

11.4 We will comply with the Data Protection legislation in regard to dealing with all data requests submitted in any format, however, written requests are preferable to ensure clarity. They should include:

- name of individual;
- correspondence address;
- contact number and email address;
- details of the request.



11.5 If you would like to exercise any of the rights or requests listed above, please contact the school office. We reserve the right to verify the requesters' identity by asking for Photo ID. If this proves insufficient, further ID may be required.

12 Data protection breaches

If you suspect that your, or someone else's, data has been the subject of unauthorised or unlawful processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage please contact the school office immediately.

13 Concerns and complaints

We take all concerns and complaints very seriously. If you think that our collection or use of personal information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate, or have any other concern about our data processing, please raise this with us in the first instance. If unhappy with our response and you wish to make a complaint, please contact our independent data protection officer, David Coy (david.coy@london.anglican.org).

Alternatively, you can refer a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

- Report a concern online at: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>
- By phone: 0303 123 1113
- By mail: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

14 Contact us

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact our independent DPO, David Coy, (E: david.coy@london.anglican.org) or Headteacher, Kate Stevens via the school office.

15 Monitoring and review

This privacy notice will be reviewed every two years, or earlier if the need arises, by the Care and Communication Committee in collaboration with the DPO.

15.1 We reserve the right to update this document at any time and a new version will be provided when we make any substantial updates. We may also notify you in other ways from time to time about the processing of your personal information.

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