



Children  
First Academy  
Trust

# **TRUST PRIVACY NOTICE PUPILS (for Parents)**

## **Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)**

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the Trust and its schools uses 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 personal data about pupils.

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

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address and telephone number)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, and country of birth)
- Health information and details of specific dietary requirements
- Details in respect of pupil premium entitlements and free school meal eligibility
- Data in respect of academic attainment and progress
- Safeguarding information
- Special Educational Needs Information (SEN)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Details in respect of Exclusions
- Photos and CCTV images

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

### **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 ensure compliance with statutory health and safety legislation
- to ensure compliance with statutory safeguarding legislation
- to assess the quality of our services
- to access online educational resources
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to fulfil statutory data returns to both the DfE and Local Authority

## **The lawful basis on which we use this information**

We collect and use pupil information under the following:

### **UK General Data Protection Regulation Article 6**

- Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation
- Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller

### **UK General Data Protection Regulations Article 9**

- Processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of a data subject or another individual where the data subject is physically or legally incapable of giving consent

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.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using pupils' personal data overlap, and there may be several grounds which justify our use of this data.

## **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 until the child leaves the school. We may also keep it beyond their attendance at our schools if this is necessary to comply with our legal obligations.

## **Who we share pupil information with:**

- Schools that the pupil attends after leaving us
- The Local Authority
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- School Management Information System provider
- School catering contractor
- School photographer
- Online educational resource providers
- Online performance data tracker provider
- Services provided by the Primary Care Trust, (PCT) e.g. Speech & Language, School Nurse etc.

## **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 regulation 5 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>.

### **National Pupil Database**

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/nationalpupil-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 please contact the School Business Leader at the school or the Chief Financial and Operations Officer at the Trust.

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 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 Trust Data Protection Officer at: [dpocfat@excathedra.solutions](mailto:dpocfat@excathedra.solutions) , or by post to Data Protection Officer c/o, Wilbury Primary School, Wilbury Way, London N18 1DE

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