

Parents/Carers Privacy Notice

Under data protection law, individuals have right to be informed about how the school 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.

We at St Matthew's C of E Primary School, are the 'data controller' for the purpose of data protection law and the school data protection officer is Mr Tom Powell c/o St Matthew's C of E Primary School.

The personal data we hold

Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about pupils includes, but is not restricted to:

- Name, date of birth, photographs, address, unique pupil number, contact details, contact preferences, dietary needs, school history, parental consent, identification documents
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background, language, nationality, country of birth, eligibility for free school meals, or special educational needs
- Exclusion information
- Details of any medical conditions, including physical and mental health and medical practice
- Attendance information
- Safeguarding information
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers

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 use this data

We use this data to:

- Support pupil learning
- Monitor and report on pupil progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Protect pupil welfare
- Assess the quality of our services
- Administer admissions waiting lists
- Carry out research
- Comply with the law regarding data sharing

Our legal basis for using this data

We only collect and use pupils' personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we process it where:

- We need to comply with a legal obligation
- We need it to perform an official task in the public interest

- The data subject has given explicit consent

Less commonly, we may also process pupils' personal data in situations where:

- We have obtained consent to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect the individual's vital interests (or someone else's interests)

Where we have obtained consent to use pupils' personal data, this consent can be withdrawn at any time.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 this information

While the majority of information we collect about pupils is mandatory, there is some information that can be provided voluntarily. 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.

How we store this data

We keep personal information about pupils while they are attending our school. We may also keep it beyond their attendance at our school if this is necessary in order to comply with our legal obligations. Our Information Management Policy sets out how long we keep information about pupils. You can request a copy of this from the School office.

Who do we share pupil information with?

We routinely share pupil information with:

- Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions
- The Department for Education
- School's that the pupil's attend after us

Where it is legally required or necessary (and complies with Data Protection laws) we routinely share pupil information with the following:

- The pupil's family and representatives
- Educators and examining bodies
- Our regulator [specify as appropriate, e.g. Ofsted, Independent Schools Inspectorate]
- Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for
- Financial organisations
- Central and local government
- Our auditors
- Survey and research organisations
- Health authorities, Public Health
- Security organisations
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Professional advisers and consultants
- Charities and voluntary organisations
- Police forces, courts, tribunals
- Professional bodies

Why we share pupil information

We do not share information about 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.

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

We are required to pass information about our pupils to the Department for Education (DfE) under regulation 4 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 <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

Over-claiming hours

In the case of over-claiming hours, we may need to share the names of the childcare settings that your child attends stating the amount of hours that are being claimed. This will only be shared with providers that your child is registered as attending.

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 Year's Headcount. 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 pupil information we share with the department, for the purpose of data collections, go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

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

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

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 DfE releases data to third parties are subjected 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 data.

For more information about the DfE data sharing process, please visit:

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

For information about which organisations the DfE 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>

Transferring data internationally

Where we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

Parents and pupils' rights regarding 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 the personal information, or be given access to your child's educational records, contact the school office on 01204 333005

Other rights

Under data protection law, individuals have certain rights regarding how their personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:

- Object to the use of personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- Prevent it being used to send direct marketing
- Object to decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected, deleted or destroyed, or restrict processing
- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations

To exercise any of these rights, please contact our data protection officer.

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, you should raise concern with us in the first instance or directly to the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Contact us:

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact our **school office**.

- The school data protection officer is from Bolton Local Authority.

If you cannot access these websites, please contact the LA on:

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Department of People,
Bolton Council
1st Floor, Town Hall,
Bolton,
BL1 1UA

Website - www.bolton.gov.uk or email - ec.imu@bolyon.gov.uk