



Privacy Notice (Students)

Full Governing Body (if applicable)

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Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation Privacy Notice: How we use student information

This privacy notice applies to current and former students and their parents or carers.

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

- Students' personal information such as name, unique student number and postal address. We may sometimes store the personal mobile phone number of students.
- Personal information on adults designated as having parental responsibility or as being an emergency contact for a student. This includes name, postal address, email address, and work and personal telephone numbers.
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance data (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Assessment data
- Relevant medical information
- Special educational needs information
- Behavioural data
- Exclusions data
- Post 16 learning information
- Careers and work related learning data

We collect and hold personal information relating to our students and may also receive information about them from their previous school, local authority and/or the Department for Education (DfE). We use this personal data to:

- support our students' learning
- monitor and report on their progress
- provide appropriate pastoral care; and
- assess the quality of our services
- support our students in their careers and work related learning education
- comply with the law regarding data sharing
- safeguard students

Why do we collect and use your information?

We hold the legal right to collect and use personal data relating to students and their families. We collect and use personal data in order to meet legal requirements and legitimate interests set out in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and UK law, including those in relation to the following:

- Article 6 and Article 9 of the GDPR
- Education Act 1996
- The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013

Collecting student and parental contact information

Whilst the majority of the personal data you provide to the school is mandatory, some is provided on a voluntary basis. When collecting data, the school will inform you whether you are required to provide this data or if your consent is needed. Where consent is required, the school will provide you with specific and explicit information with regards to the reasons the data is being collected and how the data will be used.

Storing student and parental contact data

Personal data relating to students and their families is stored in accordance with the GDPR. The school does not store personal data indefinitely; data is only stored for as long as is necessary to complete the task for which it was originally collected.

Who we share student and parental contact information with

The school is required to share students' data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.

The National Pupil Database (NPD) is owned and managed by the DfE and contains information about students 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 students to the DfE as part of statutory data collections such as the school census. Some of this information is then stored in the NPD. The law that allows this is the Education (Information About Individual Students) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the NPD, go to

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-student-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>.

The DfE may share information about our students 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 the 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 student 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 student information, (and for which project), please visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-student-database-requests-received>

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

We will not share your personal information with any third parties without your consent, unless the law or an overriding safeguarding concern allows us to do so. The school routinely shares students' information with:

- Other relevant educational establishments when students transfer
- Derbyshire Local Authority or other relevant Local Authorities
- The NHS
- The DfE
- Examination awarding bodies
- Our management information system provider
- Our school's data solutions providers
- Our school's trips and visits service provider

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>.

Youth support services

Students aged 13+

Once our students reach the age of 13, we also pass student 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 request that **only** their child's name, address and date of birth is passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us. This right is transferred to the child / student once he/she reaches the age 16.

Students aged 16+

We will also share certain information about students 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

For more information about services for young people, please visit our local authority website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents/carers and students have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, or to have access to your child's educational record, contact:

Nicola Hardy, School Office Manager – 01773 825281

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:

Julie Huddleston, Business Manager – 01773 825281