



# Privacy Notice

## How We Use Pupil Information

Pirbright Village Primary School is the data controller of the personal information you provide to us. We collect personal data in order to meet legal requirements and legitimate interests set out in the GDPR and UK law. We 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).

### The categories of pupil information that we process include:

- personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address)
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, and 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 (such as sessions attended, number of absences, absence reasons and any previous schools attended)
- 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)
- child protection and safeguarding information (such as day to day incidents and disclosures)
- confidential and/or sensitive information on pupils (such as observations and information shared by parents/guardians and school staff)
- information about parents/guardians
- key indicators such as Pupil Premium, Service Premium etc.

### Why we collect and use pupil 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:

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

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

We collect and use pupil information for a variety of reasons, all which comply with Article 6 or Article 9 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2018. These lawful bases include but are not limited to:

- for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the school
- for compliance with a legal obligation to which the school is subject
- in order to protect the vital interests of a pupil or of another natural person
- where the parent/guardian of a pupil has given explicit consent to the processing of those personal data for one or more specified purposes.

## **Collecting pupil information**

We collect pupil information via a range of methods including registration forms at the start of the school year (or Common Transfer File (CTF) or secure file transfer from previous school) or via data collection points when we request updates.

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 securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule. For more information on our data retention schedule please contact the school office.

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

We routinely share pupil information with:

- other schools
- local authorities
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- outside agencies working with us (i.e. SEND or PEDALS).
- The Athena Academy Trust

## **Why we regularly 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.

## **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. To find out more about the data collection requirements place on us by the Department for Education (for example via the school census) go to [www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools](http://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools)

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.

### **Local Authorities**

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.

### **Requesting access to your personal data**

Under GDPR, 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 [info@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk)

Depending on the lawful basis above, you may 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, you should raise your concern with us in the first instance or directly to the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by DfE, please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

### **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 contact [info@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@pirbright.surrey.sch.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: April 2021.

### **Contact**

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: [info@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk)

## **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**

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>