



# Privacy Notice for Learners

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

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

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Assessment Information and test results
- Medical information (where relevant)
- Special Educational Need Information
- Exclusions
- Behavioural Information and exclusion information
- Photographs
- CCTV images
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### **Why we collect and use this information**

We use the pupil data:

- to support pupil learning and behavior.
- to monitor and report on pupil progress and work out if any additional help is needed.
- to identify any underlying issues that may impact on progress.
- track how well the school is performing
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to contact parents / carers when necessary
- look after pupil's well being
- to safeguard and protect all children.

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

We collect and use pupil information in accordance with data protection laws and General Data Processing Regulations,

We will only collect and use your information when the law allows us to. Most often, we will use your information where:

- We need to comply with the law
- We need to use it to carry out a task in the public interest (in order to provide you with an education).

Sometimes, we may also use your personal information where:

- You, or your parents/carers have given us permission to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect your interests (or someone else's interest)

Where we have got permission to use your data, you or your parents/carers may withdraw this at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for permission, and explain how to go about withdrawing consent.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using your information overlap, and there may be several grounds which mean we can use your 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 individual reaches their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.

We will keep personal information about you while you are a pupil at our school. We may also keep it after you have left the school, where we are required to by law.

We have a Records Management Policy which sets out how long we must keep information about pupils.

*A copy of our Records Management Policy is available by contacting Caroline Granton School Business Manager [caroline.granton@schools.sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.granton@schools.sunderland.gov.uk)*

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

We do not share personal information about you with anyone outside the school without permission from you or your parents/carers, unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary for another reason allowed under data protection law, we may share personal information about you with. We routinely share pupil information with:

*schools that the pupil's attend after leaving us*

*the Department for Education (DfE) :*

*Sunderland City Council / Together for Children – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions*

*The Department for Education –meet legal obligations*

*The learners family and representatives*

*Educators and examining bodies*

*Ofsted*

*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*

*Security organisations*

*Health and social welfare organisations*

*Professional advisers and consultants*

*Charities and voluntary organisations*

*Police forces, courts, tribunals*

*Professional bodies*

*Agencies that the pupil may be working with*

## **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 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 to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

## Youth support services

### Pupils aged 13+

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we also pass pupil 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 / pupil once he/she reaches the age 16.

### Pupils aged 16+

We will also share certain information about pupils 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 school website's careersection.

## 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.

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>.

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, contact Caroline Granton, School Business Manager, [caroline.granton@schools.sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.granton@schools.sunderland.gov.uk)  
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: Caroline Granton, School Business Manager, [caroline.granton@schools.sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.granton@schools.sunderland.gov.uk)