



Privacy notice for pupils

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1. Introduction

You have a legal right to be informed about how our school uses any personal information that we hold about you. To comply with this, we provide a 'privacy notice' to you where we are processing your personal data.

This notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about learners at our school, like you.

We, the Link School Sunderland, are the 'data controller' for the purposes of UK data protection law.

Our data protection officer is the Data Protection Team, Sunderland City Council (see 'Contact us' below).

2. The personal data we hold

We hold some personal information about you to make sure we can help you learn and look after you at school.

For the same reasons, we get information about you from some other places too – like other schools, the local council and the government.

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

- Your contact details
- Your test results
- Your attendance records
- Details of any behaviour issues or exclusions

We may also collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) information about you that falls into "special categories" of more sensitive personal data. This includes, but is not restricted to:

- Information about your characteristics, like your ethnic background or any special educational needs
- Information about any medical conditions you have
- Photographs and CCTV images (where consent exists)

3. Why we use this data

We use the data listed above to:

- a) Get in touch with you and your parents when we need to
- b) Check how you're doing in exams and work out whether you or your teachers need any extra help
- c) Track how well the school as a whole is performing
- d) Look after your wellbeing

'Unsubscribe' link at the bottom of any such communication, or by contacting us (see 'Contact us' below).

4. Our lawful basis for using this data

We will only collect and use your information when the law allows us to. We need to establish a 'lawful basis' to do this.

Our lawful bases for processing your personal information for the reasons listed in section 3 above are:

For the purposes of, in accordance with the 'public task' basis – we need to process data to fulfil our official duties as a school:

For the purposes of, in accordance with the 'legal obligation' basis – we need to process data to meet our responsibilities under law:

For the purposes of, in accordance with the 'consent' basis – we will obtain consent from you to use your personal data

For the purposes of, in accordance with the 'vital interests' basis – we will use this personal data in a life-or-death situation

For the purposes of, in accordance with the 'contract' basis – we need to process personal data to fulfil a contract with you or to help you enter into a contract with us

For the purposes of, in accordance with the 'legitimate interests' basis – where there's a minimal privacy impact and we have a compelling reason

Where you've provided us with consent to use your information, you may take back this consent at any time. We'll make this clear when requesting your consent, and explain how you'd go about withdrawing consent if you want to.

4.1 Our basis for using special category data

For 'special category' data (more sensitive personal information), we only collect and use it when we have both a lawful basis, as set out above, and one of the following conditions for processing as set out in UK data protection law:

We have obtained your explicit consent to use your information in a certain way

We need to use your information under employment, social security or social protection law

We need to protect an individual's vital interests (i.e. protect your life or someone else's life), in situations where you're physically or legally incapable of giving consent

The information has already been made obviously public by you

We need to use it to make or defend against legal claims

We need to use it for reasons of substantial public interest as defined in legislation

We need to use it for health or social care purposes, and it's used by, or under the direction of, a professional obliged to confidentiality under law

We need to use it for public health reasons, and it's used by, or under the direction of, a professional obliged to confidentiality under law

We need to use it for archiving purposes, scientific or historical research purposes, or for statistical purposes, and the use is in the public interest

For criminal offence data, we will only collect and use it when we have both a lawful basis, as set out above, and a condition for processing as set out in UK data protection law. Conditions include:

We have obtained your consent to use it in a specific way

We need to protect an individual's vital interests (i.e. protect your life or someone else's life), in situations where you're physically or legally incapable of giving consent

The data concerned has already been made obviously public by you

We need to use it as part of legal proceedings, to obtain legal advice, or to make or defend against legal claims

We need to use it for reasons of substantial public interest as defined in legislation

5. Collecting this data

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

Whenever we want to collect information from you, we make it clear if you have to give us this information (and if so, what the possible consequences are of not doing that), or if you have a choice.

Most of the data we hold about you will come from you, but we may also hold data about you from:

Local councils

Government departments or agencies
Police forces, courts, tribunals

6. How we store this data

We keep personal information about you while you're attending our school. We may also keep it beyond your attendance at our school if this is necessary. Our Record Management Policy sets out how long we keep information about pupils. A copy of this policy is available by contacting the school office.

We have security measures in place to prevent your personal information from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed.

We'll dispose of your personal data securely when we no longer need it.

7. Who we share data with

We don't share information about you with any third party without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it's legally required, or necessary (and it complies with UK data protection law), we may share personal information about you with:

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

Government departments or agencies

Our youth support services provider

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Suppliers and service providers eg Catering, off site education providers:

Financial organisations

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

National Pupil Database

We have to provide information about you to the Department for Education (a government department) as part of data collections such as the school census.

Some of this information is then stored in the [National Pupil Database](#), which is managed by the Department for Education and provides evidence on how schools are performing. This, in turn, supports research.

The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information it holds is collected securely from schools, local authorities, exam boards and others.

The Department for Education may share information from the database with other organisations, such as organisations that promote children's education or wellbeing in England. These organisations must agree to strict terms and conditions about how they will use your data.

You can find more information about this on the Department for Education's webpage on [how it collects and shares research data](#).

You can also [contact the Department for Education](#) if you have any questions about the database.

8. Your rights

8.1 How to access personal information that we hold about you

You have a right to make a 'subject access request' to gain access to personal information that we hold about you.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you, we will (unless there's a really good reason why we shouldn't):

- Give you a description of it
- Tell you why we are holding and using it, and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with
- Let you know whether any automated decision-making is being applied to the data (decisions made by a computer or machine, rather than by a person), and any consequences of this
- Give you a copy of the information in an understandable form

You may also have the right for your personal information to be shared with another organisation in certain circumstances.

If you would like to make a request, please contact us (see 'Contact us' below).

8.2 Your other rights regarding your data

Under UK data protection law, you have certain rights regarding how your personal information is used and kept safe. For example, you have the right to:

- Say that you don't want your personal information to be used
- Stop it being used to send you marketing materials
- Say that you don't want it to be used for automated decisions (decisions made by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- In some cases, have it corrected if it's inaccurate
- In some cases, have it deleted or destroyed, or restrict its use
- Withdraw your consent, where you previously provided consent for your personal information to be collected, processed and transferred for a particular reason
- In some cases, be notified of a data breach
- Make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office
- Claim compensation if the data protection rules are broken and this harms you in some way

To exercise any of these rights, please contact us (see 'Contact us' below).

9. Complaints

We take any complaints about our collection and use of personal information very seriously.

If you think that our collection or use of personal information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate, or have any other concerns about our data processing, please let us know first.

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

Call 0303 123 1113

Or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

10. Contact us

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact our Director of Finance and Premises:

➤ Caroline Granton caroline.granton@schools.sunderland.gov.uk

Our data protection officer is:

➤ Data Protection Department Sunderland City Council

However, our **data protection lead** has day-to-day responsibility for data protection issues in our school.

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact them:

➤ Caroline Granton caroline.granton@schools.sunderland.gov.uk