

Privacy Notice - How we use pupil information

We collect and hold personal information relating to our pupils and may also receive information about them from their previous school, local authority, professional agencies and/or the Department for Education (DfE).

The categories of pupil information that we process include:

- personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, date of birth, 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 and phonics results and internal data)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)

This list is not exhaustive. The latest version of this privacy notice is held on the information for parents tab on our website www.efs.oxon.sch.uk

Why we collect and use pupil information

We collect and use pupil information for the following purposes:

- a) to support pupil learning
- b) to monitor and report on pupil attainment and progress
- c) to provide appropriate pastoral care
- d) to assess the quality of our services
- e) to keep children safe (food allergies, emergency contact details, safeguarding processes)
- f) to meet the statutory duties placed upon us for DfE data collections

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the lawful bases we rely on for processing pupil information are:

- for the purposes of supporting pupil learning, providing appropriate pastoral care, keeping children safe : *Article 6d - processing is necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person*
- for the purposes of monitoring and reporting on pupil attainment and progress: *Article 6e - processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller;*

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- for the purposes of meeting statutory duties: *Article 6c - processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject.*

In addition, concerning any special category data (e.g. race, ethnicity, religion, health, sexuality):

- for the purposes of monitoring and reporting on pupil attainment and progress and to provide appropriate pastoral care - for data listed in Article 9: *Article 9c - processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person where the data subject is physically or legally incapable of giving consent and Article 9d - processing is carried out in the course of its legitimate activities with appropriate safeguards by a foundation, association or any other not-for-profit body with a political, philosophical, religious or trade union aim and on condition that the processing relates solely to the members or to former members of the body or to persons who have regular contact with it in connection with its purposes and that the personal data are not disclosed outside that body without the consent of the data subjects;*

How we collect pupil information

We collect pupil information via Admission forms and updates, medical, diet and health administration forms all provided by parents; information from previous schools/preschools/DfE; information from safeguarding agencies; school nurses and health professionals.

Pupil data is essential for the school's 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.

How we store 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 and how we keep your data safe, please visit the policies page on the website www.efs.oxon.sch.uk

Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- our local authority and safeguarding professionals
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- school nurse and NHS professionals
- contractors who have demonstrated GDPR compliance (e.g. information management database, trip providers)

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 for the purpose of those data collections, under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

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.

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 the school office office@efs.oxon.sch.uk or telephone 01865 372268.

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
- a right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts

If you have a concern or complaint 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/>

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: the School Business Manager c/o School Office, 01865 372268, office@efs.oxon.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>

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