



## Privacy Notice - Pupils (Parents/Carers)

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### Purpose of this document

St Mary's Church of England Academy is a data controller and this document describes the pupil data that is collected and how it is processed. As a controller we are responsible for deciding what data is collected and how it is processed.

Under the Data Protection Act 2018 and the GDPR we must abide by the principle of transparency and the right of data subjects to be informed how their data is processed.

This document provides such information. It will be updated from time to time and updates communicated to the relevant data subjects.

It is your duty to inform us of changes.

### Why we collect and use this information

We use the pupil data:

- to support pupil learning;
- to monitor and report on pupil progress;
- to provide appropriate pastoral care;
- to assess the quality of our services;
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing.

### The Data Protection Principles

We will comply with data protection law. This says that the personal information we hold about you must be:

- Used lawfully, fairly and in a transparently
- Collected and used only for the specific, explicit and legitimate purpose they have been collected for and not for any other purposes
- Adequate and relevant and limited only to what is necessary
- Accurate and kept up to date
- Kept only as long as necessary
- Kept securely, using appropriate technical and/or organisation measures

### Your rights

You have rights associated with how your data is collected and processed. Not every right is absolute, but under certain circumstances you can invoke the following rights:

- Right of access
- Right of erasure



- Right of rectification
- Right to object to processing
- Right to be informed
- Right to data portability
- Right to not be subject to decisions based on automated decision making
- Right to restrict processing
- Right to seek compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations.

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is in position to ensure your rights are supported. To contact the DPO telephone: 0800 0862018 or email: [dpo@dataprotection.education](mailto:dpo@dataprotection.education).

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

- We collect and use pupil information under a task performed in the public interest where it relates to a child's educational progression;
- Some photographs and videos are used only after gaining explicit consent;
- Where medical data is being processed, this is processed under a legal obligation (Children and Families Act 2014 which includes a duty on schools to support children with medical conditions);
- Safeguarding data is processed under the legal obligation of The Education Act 2002. Sections 21 and 175 detail how governing bodies of schools must promote the wellbeing of pupils and take a view to the safeguarding of children at the school.
- We collect and process pupil information under Article 6 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to perform our official function (public task).
- Where it is carried out as a task in the public interest such as equal opportunities monitoring, for child protection purposes or where otherwise authorised by law, such as Departmental Censuses as required in the Education Act 1996.
- Children and Families Act 2014 includes a duty on schools to support children with medical conditions;
- The Equality Act 2010 (England, Scotland and Wales) requires you to make reasonable adjustments to ensure that children and young people with a disability are not put at a substantial disadvantage compared with their peers;
- The Education Act 2002, Sections 21 and 175 detail how governing bodies of schools must promote the wellbeing of pupils and take a view to the safeguarding of children at the school;
- Section 3 of the Children Act 1989 places a duty on a person with the care of a child to do all that is reasonable in the circumstances for the purposes of safeguarding the child;
- Education Act 1996, relating to attendance at school.

### **Collecting pupil information**

Whilst most of the 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.

CCTV recording and monitoring is in use on site.

### **Storing pupil data**

We hold Academy workforce data as documented in our Retention Schedule, which can be requested by contacting the Academy office.

## **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 education records;
- Special Educational Needs information;
- Behavioural information (such as, achievements, exclusions, internal exclusions and detentions);
- Health and medical information (such as dietary requirement and medication details);
- Safeguarding and Child Protection reports and disclosures;
- Photographs and video clips;

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

We routinely share pupil information with:

- Schools that the pupil's attend after leaving us;
- Our local authority;
- Other admissions authorities;
- The Department for Education (DfE);
- Suppliers that we have contracted with to provide educational services and those related to the operations of the Academy;
- Examination boards
- The police when investigating or preventing crime.

## **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.

Where we share with third-party services, this will be in line with data protection law and specified in the agreements with those third-parties.

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 share information about our pupils with the (DfE) under regulation 5 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>.



## 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 to, (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>.



## COVID-19

Data collected for the purposes of public health (including visitor contact data for COVID-19) will be kept as long as required. Contact data for visitors will be kept for 21 days after the most recent visit, with information on visitors kept as per standard retention requirements. Public Health data may be shared with third-parties as required including, but not limited to:

- National Health Service (including NHS Test and Trace)
- UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)
- Other local health authorities

Data collected and processed for public health purposes is done so under GDPR [Article 9\(2\)\(i\)](#) which states: (in part) "processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, such as protecting against serious cross-border threats to health..." and [Recital 54](#) which includes: "The processing of special categories of personal data may be necessary for reasons of public interest in the areas of public health without consent of the data subject."

## Concerns about how your personal data is handled

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we ask that you raise your concern with us in the first instance using the contact information on the second page of this document.

Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.