

## Privacy Notice (Primary Schools)

### The categories of pupil information that we process include the following non-exhaustive list:

- 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
- 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 national assessments and end of foundation phase/key stage)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)
- information about attendance on school trips and activities (safety issues and risks for keeping a pupil safe, emergency contact details; next of kin)
- food allergies (for catering)

### 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 progress
- c) to provide appropriate pastoral care
- d) to assess the quality of our services
- e) to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- f) to meet the statutory duties placed upon us by the Welsh Government with regard to data collection.
- g) to communicate effectively with parents and carers.
- h) to enable pupils to move from one educational setting to another seamlessly

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

- As data controller, the School uses the information received for the purposes listed above to enable us to carry out data processing necessary for the

performance of a task carried out in the public interest and in the exercise of official authority or where we have a legal obligation to process.

- In addition, concerning any 'special category data', where the processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest; or where we have obtained explicit consent.

## **How we collect pupil information**

We collect pupil information via admission forms or registration forms completed at the start of school years; via 'common transfer files', or file transfer from a previous school.

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.

## **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 ask at the school office. Once our school website is complete information will also be found there. We are required to retain certain educational information until a pupil's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday for example.

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

We routinely share relevant pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- Welsh Government
- NHS /school nurse, either directly or via the local authority such as for immunisation programmes.

## **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. Where appropriate we will aim to have a formal Information Sharing Protocol in place and have made a commitment to developing these in accordance with national standards laid down by the Welsh Government's Wales Accord on the Sharing of Personal Information (WASPI) see [www.waspi.org](http://www.waspi.org)

## Welsh Government

The Welsh Government collects personal data throughout a pupil's school life from educational settings and local authorities via various statutory data collections such as:

- Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC)
- Educated other than at school (EOTAS) pupil level collection
- National data collection (NDC)
- Attendance collection
- Welsh National Tests (WNT) data collection
- Post 16 data collection

In addition to the data collected as part of PLASC, the Welsh Government and Local Authorities also receives information regarding National Curriculum assessments, public examination results, and attendance data at individual pupil level which comes from Schools and /or Awarding Bodies (e.g. WJEC).

We are required to share information about our pupils with the Welsh Government either directly or via our local authority for the purpose of those data collections, under The Pupil Information (Wales) Regulations 2011.

Why do we share this data with the Welsh Government?

The pupil data that we lawfully share with the Welsh Government 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)

All data is transferred securely and held by the Welsh Government under a combination of software and hardware controls.

For more information please visit the Welsh Government website on [www.gov.wales/School Data](http://www.gov.wales/School Data) and in particular the privacy notice entitled:

[What we do with the education related information that we receive from schools and/or local authorities about children and young people.](#)

## 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, please contact the school office directly.

In certain circumstances 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 Data Protection Officer for Schools, whose contact details are :**

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