

Privacy Notice (How we use student information)

The categories of student information that we collect, hold and share include:

- Personal information (such as name, unique student number, date of birth, emergency contact details and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Registration (such as class information, timetable, registration group, year group and House)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Safeguarding information (such as minutes of meetings with external agencies and school staff)
- Conduct information (such as achievements, behaviour, detentions and exclusions)
- Exam information (such as assessments, practical assessment materials and public exam results)
- Medical information (such as any specific information provided by (parents / guardian to ensure student safety at School)
- Reports (such as class, tutor and house reports)
- Special education needs (such as current SEND needs, reviews and statements)
- CCTV recordings are made for reasons of site security, and retained for 30 days. They are viewed only by authorised members of staff who have identified a legitimate reason for needing to review recordings.

Why we collect and use this information

We use the student data:

- to support student learning
- to monitor and report on student progress

- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to provide appropriate health and safety requirements
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use student information under:

- General Data Protection Regulation General Data Protection Regulation UK Incorporated into DPA 18
 - Article 6(1)(e) – the 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
 - Article 9(2)(g) – the processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest
 - Article 14(2)(a) – the period for which the personal data will be stored

Collecting student information

Whilst the majority of student 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 student information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing student data

We hold student data for specific lengths of time dependant on advice from Dorset Local Education Authority, linked to the Information and Records Management Society advice on Records and Information management for Schools.

- Student records – Date of Birth plus 25 years
- Attendance Registers – date of register plus 3 years
- Exam results and assessments – Date of Birth plus 25 years
- Child Protection details – Date of Birth plus 25 years
- Special educational needs and disability (SEND) details – Date of Birth plus 25 years
- CCTV recordings are retained for 30 days.

Who we share student information with

We routinely share student information with:

- schools that the student attends after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) (an executive agency of the DfE)
- the Police

We may also give your personal information to other third parties where the law either requires or allows us to do so.

Why we share student information

We do not share information about our students with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

We share students' 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 students with our local authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE) under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Students) (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

Students aged 13+

Once our students reach the age of 13, we also pass student 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
- careers advice

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 / student once he/she reaches the age 16.

Students aged 16+

We will also share certain information about students 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 local authority website.

The National Student Database (NPD)

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about students 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 students 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 Students) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the NPD, go to

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-student-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>.

The department may share information about our students 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 student 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 student information, (and for which project), please visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-student-database-requests-received>

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

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents and students 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 our Data Protection Officer (School Business Manager).

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:

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(When sending an email please include Privacy Notice as part of the email subject)