

# Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)



Under data protection law, individuals have the right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about pupils.

We, Millfields First School, are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is 'School DPO Services' (see 'Contact' section for more information).

The information in this document refers to your child during their time at Millfields First School, see 'Storing pupil data' for more information.

## The categories of pupil information that we collect, hold and share (where appropriate) include:

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth, special educational needs and free school meal eligibility)
- Medical information (such as medical conditions / disabilities and medical practice)
- Behavioural and Attendance information (such as interventions, sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Images (CCTV and photographs/video's captured on school equipment)
- Parent/guardian details (such as name, telephone numbers etc. National insurance number and relevant benefit information collected for Pupil Premium assessment/eligibility)
- Safeguarding information (where necessary)
- Details of any support received (care packages/plans, support providers etc)
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests (such as Key Stage Assessments)

We may also hold data about pupils that we have received from other organisations, including other schools, local authorities and the Department for Education.

## Why we collect and use this information

We use the pupil data:

- to meet the statutory duties placed upon us for DfE data collections
- 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
- to administer admissions waiting lists
- to carry out research and analysis on key performance areas
- to keep children safe (food allergies or emergency contact details)

## The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use pupil information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we process it where:

- We need to perform an official task in the public interest – such as The School Census - (Please see The National Pupil Database (NPD) section in this document for further information.)
- We need to comply with a legal obligation – The DfE have legal powers to collect pupil, child and workforce data that schools hold.

Less commonly, we may also process pupils' personal data in situations where:

- We have obtained consent to use the data for one or more specific purposes
- We need to protect the vital interests of the data subject (your child) where the data subject is physically or legally incapable of giving consent

Where we have obtained consent to use pupils' personal data, this consent can be withdrawn at any time, see the 'Contact' section of this document for ways to contact us.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using pupils' personal data overlap, and there may be several grounds which justify our use of this data.

## Collecting pupil information

Whilst the majority of 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.

## Storing pupil data

We keep personal information about pupils while they are attending our school. We may also keep it beyond their attendance at our school if this is necessary in order to comply with our legal obligations. (Any safeguarding information is kept until pupil's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday).

## Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- Schools that the pupil's attend after leaving us/whilst with us if dual registered
- Our local authority
- Department for Education (DfE)
- Pupils family and/or representatives
- Our regulator (Ofsted)
- Our auditors
- Governors
- Health authorities
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Police forces, courts, tribunals
- Attendance Inforcement Co-ordinator
- After school club sports leaders/organisers
- Friends association (for in school events)
- External school photography companies
- Schools in our local collaboration (performance data)
- Professional advisers and consultants
- Suppliers and services
- Educational bodies e.g. Universities

## **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.

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 our local authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE) under section 3 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, (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>

## 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 'School DPO Services', (Data Protection Officer) see 'Contact' section below.

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:

### **School DPO Services**

Email: [schoolDPO@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:schoolDPO@warwickshire.gov.uk)

Address:

School Data Protection Officer  
Warwickshire Legal Services  
Warwickshire County Council  
Shire Hall  
Market Square  
Warwick  
CV34 4RL

Telephone: 01926 412361

(Please ensure you specify which school any requests relate to).