**Privacy Notice (How we use information about pupils and their families (children, parents and carers)**

**Introduction**

This privacy notice explains how we collect, use, share, and protect personal information about our pupils and their families.

**The categories of pupil information that we process include:**

* personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address)
* characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, and pupil premium/ 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 1 &2 and phonics results )
* behavioural information (records of incidents and exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)

This list is not exhaustive; please see our data processing map, also referred to as the Record of Processing Activities (RoPA) for the current list.

## Why we collect and use pupil information

We collect and use pupil information and that of their families, for the following purposes:

1. to support pupil learning, assessment and special educational needs, as appropriate
2. to monitor and report on pupil attainment progress
3. to provide appropriate pastoral care
4. to assess the quality of our services
5. to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details) and safeguard in accordance with our responsibilities under Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE).
6. to meet the statutory duties placed upon us for the Department for Education (DfE) data collections and health services.

**Lawful Bases for Processing Personal Data**

Under the [UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)](https://www.gov.uk/data-protection), the lawful bases we rely on for processing pupil information are:

* Article 6 (1) (c): Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject.
* Article 6 (1) (e): Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority.
* For special category data, we rely on:
  + Article 9 (2) (a): The data subject has given explicit consent to the processing for specified purposes.
  + Article 9 (2) (c): To protect the vital interests of the individual.
  + Article 9 (2) (f): Legitimate purposes involving legal claims.
  + Article 9 (2) (i): Required for purposes of public health.

## Storing Pupil/Family Data

We hold pupil data securely for the time specified in our data retention schedule. We have adopted the Information and Records Management Society (IRMS) recommendations. For more information, please see the Data Protection Policy and the IRMS Toolkit for schools.

**Who we share pupil information with**

We routinely share pupil information with:

* schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
* our local authority
* the Department for Education (DfE)
* National Health Service
* Targeted and family support services (Cafcass)
* The Police
* The Courts and the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass)
* Service providers (such as Data Protection, HR, and IT support services where appropriate).

**Why we regularly share pupil information**

We do not share information about our pupils without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so. For example, we must share pupil information in accordance with the Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005 and Keeping Children Safe in Education statutory guidance.

## Withdrawal of Consent and the Right to Lodge a Complaint

Where we process personal data based on consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting the School Business/Administration Manager SMB@fieldheadcarr.leeds.sch.uk or the Data Protection Officer (DPO) Richard Lewis-Ogden at [DPO@bywaterkent.co.uk](mailto:DPO@bywaterkent.co.uk).

**Data Retention**

We will hold pupil data securely for the duration specified in our data retention schedule, following the IRMS guidelines.

**Right to Access**

Parents and pupils have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request, please contact the School Business Manager/Administration SMB@fieldheadcarr.leeds.sch.uk or Richard Lewis-Ogden, DPO via email at DPO@bywaterkent.co.uk.

## Last updated

This privacy notice is subject to periodic updates. This version was last updated in September 2024

## How Government uses your data

The pupil data that we lawfully share with the Department for Education (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 (DfE) (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 (DfE) 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 for Education (DfE).

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 for Education (DfE)**

The law allows the Department for Education (DfE) to share pupils’ personal data with certain third parties, including:

* schools and 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 for Education’s (DfE) 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 the Department for Education (DfE) to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime.

For information about which organisations the Department for Education (DfE) 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>

**How to find out what personal information the Department for Education (DfE) holds about you**

Under the terms of the [Data Protection Act 2018](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/12/contents/enacted), you are entitled to ask the Department for Education (DfE):

* if they are processing your personal data
* for a description of the data they hold about you
* the reasons they’re holding it and any recipient it may be disclosed to
* for a copy of your personal data and any details of its source

If you want to see the personal data held about you by the Department for Education (DfE), you should make a ‘subject access request’. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department for Education’s (DfE) personal information charter that is published at the address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter>

To contact the Department for Education (DfE): <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>