



**St Katharine's CoE Primary School**



## **Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)**

### **Why do we collect and use pupil information?**

We collect and use pupil information under the Education Act 1996 and the EU General Protection Regulation (GDPR) which will take effect from May 25 2018, including Article 6 'lawfulness of processing' and Article 9 'processing of special categories of personal data'

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 categories of pupil information that we collect, hold and share include:**

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number, date of birth, siblings 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)
- Relevant medical information
- Additional or special education needs information
- Exclusions and behavioural information
- Assessment information
- Contact details for parents and carers
- Post 16 destinations and learning information
- Safeguarding and Child Protection reports and disclosures
- Photographs and video clips
- Seesaw – tool with which we share school learning with parents

### **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.

Where we share pupil data such as school photographs on the school website, on social media or in the local press, you have a choice in this and we request your consent for this to be shared. Consent can be withdrawn at any time by contacting the Principal and asking for pupil photographs not to be shared where public have access.

### **Storing pupil data**

We hold pupil data in line with the recommendations of the Information and Records Management Society <http://irms.org.uk/page/SchoolsToolkit>

In practice this means we hold pupil data until the pupil moves to another school.

## Who do 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)
- Excalibur Academies Trust
- School nurse and NHS

## 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 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 pupil information we share with the department, for the purpose of data collections, go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

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 Janet Stagg (local GDPR lead) [admin@st-katharines-savernake.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-katharines-savernake.wilts.sch.uk) who will manage subject access requests.

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, 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/>

*School holidays are counted in the response time for a subject action request (SAR). We are happy to help give access to information in a timely manner, however we acknowledge that it can be difficult to respond during the summer holidays.*

### **Contact:**

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:

- Jan Stagg, local GDPR lead, [admin@st-katharines-savernake.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-katharines-savernake.wilts.sch.uk) or Karen Davis, Excalibur Academies Trust Data Protection Officer [karen.davis@excalibur.org.uk](mailto:karen.davis@excalibur.org.uk)