



Privacy Notice

Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)

Introduction

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the Trust uses any personal information that we hold about them. To comply with this, we provide a 'privacy notice' (sometimes called a fair processing notice) to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This Privacy Notice sets out how the Trust collects, stores, and uses information that you give Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust (YCST).

YCST is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected. Should we ask you to provide certain information by which you can be identified, then you can be assured that it will only be used in accordance with this Privacy Notice.

YCST is the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

The personal data we hold

Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about pupils includes, but is not restricted to:

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number, gender, parent/guardian details, address, date of birth, emergency contact details, medical information)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth, religion, free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Other relevant information (such as test results, special educational needs information, medical information, assessment information, exclusion/behaviour information, post 16 learning information)
- Photographs and videos (such as professional school photos and school play videos)
- CCTV images captured in school

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

Why we collect and use this information

We use the information we collect and hold to:

- Support pupils' teaching and learning
- Safeguard all pupils in our care
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Monitor and report on pupil progress
- Comply with law regarding data sharing
- Publish examination results
- Administer admissions waiting lists
- Assess the quality of our services
- Assess how individual schools, and the Trust as a whole, is performing
- Communicate with former pupils
- Monitor pupils' official Email communications and internet use etc. for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Trust's ICT Acceptable Use Policy
- Where appropriate, promote the Trust to prospective pupils

The lawful basis on which we process this data

We only collect and use pupils' personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we process it where we need to comply with a legal obligation or where we need it to perform an official task in the public interest (such as providing education).

We collect and process the pupil data referred to earlier under General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), Article 6 (1) (e), 'public task'.

The processing of special categories of personal data is covered by General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) Article 9 (2) (a).

Less commonly, we may also process pupils' personal data in situations where we have obtained consent to use it in a certain way or where we need to protect the individual's vital interests (or someone else's interests).

Where we have obtained consent to use pupils' personal data, this consent can be withdrawn at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for consent, and explain how consent can be withdrawn.

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 we collect about pupils is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with 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 a Trust school. We may also keep it beyond their attendance at a Trust school if this is necessary in order to comply with our legal obligations. Our School Records Management Policy and School Records Retention Schedule set out how long we keep information about pupils. A copy of these are available from Trust schools on request.

Who we share pupil information with

We do not share information about pupils with any third party without consent unless the law and this policy allows us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary (and it complies with data protection law), we may share personal information about pupils with the following organisations subject, where appropriate, to receiving assurances regarding their own data protection procedures and protocols and that it is used only for the specific purpose intended:

- Local Authorities (to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it)
- The Department for Education
- The pupil's family and representatives
- Educators and examining bodies
- Our regulators (e.g. Ofsted)
- Suppliers and service providers
- Financial organisations
- Central and local government
- Our auditors
- Survey and research organisations
- Health authorities and health & social welfare organisations
- Professional bodies including advisers and consultants
- Police forces, courts, tribunals

Why we share pupil information

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.

Third Party data processors are subject to strict due diligence and assurances on information security and data protection compliance. Chosen providers are used solely to support the educational goals of the Trust and/or to provide electronic processing of routine administrative tasks and not for marketing purposes.

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>.

Transferring data internationally

Where we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, we will do so strictly in accordance with data protection law.

Youth support services

Pupils aged 13+

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we also pass pupil 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 services
- careers advisers

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 / pupil once he/she reaches the age 16.

Pupils aged 16+

We will also share certain information about pupils 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 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

Individuals have a right to make a '**subject access request**' to gain access to personal information held about them.

Parents/carers can make a request with respect to their child's data where the child is not considered mature enough to understand their rights over their own data (usually under the age of 12), or where the child has provided consent.

Parents also have a right to make a subject access request with respect to any personal data held about them.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you or your child, we will:

- Give you a description of it
- Tell you why we are holding and processing it, and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you or your child
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with
- Let you know whether any automated decision-making is being applied to the data, and any consequences of this
- Give you a copy of the information in an intelligible form

Individuals also have the right for their personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances.

If you would like to make a request please contact the school office administrator in the first instance.

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

Complaints

We take any complaints about our collection and use of personal information very seriously.

If you think that our collection or use of personal information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate, or have any concern about our data processing, please raise this with us in the first instance.

To make a complaint, please refer to the Trust Complaints Policy available on the Trust, and school, website.

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

- Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>
- Call 0303 123 1113
- Write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact the School Administrator/Office.