# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

# Privacy Notice: How we use pupil information

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School is the data controller of the personal information you provide to us. This means the school determines the purposes for which, and the manner in which, any personal data relating to pupils and their families is to be processed.

In some cases, your data will be outsourced to a third party processor; however, this will only be done with your consent, unless the law requires the school to share your data. Where the school outsources data to a third-party processor, the same data protection standards that Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School upholds are imposed on the processor.

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

* Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number, address, contact phone numbers)
* 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)
* Assessment information
* Medical conditions
* Special Educational Needs and Disability
* Behaviour and exclusions
* Educational History (such as previous schools)
* Financial Information (such as payments, dinner money, trip payments)
* Health and Safety Information (such as records of injuries)

## Why we collect and use this information

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
* to safeguard pupils

## The lawful basis on which we use this information

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School holds the legal right to collect and use personal data relating to pupils and their families, and we may also receive information regarding them from their previous school, LA and/or DfE.

On the 25th May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect. The condition for processing under the GDPR is:

Article 6

1. Processing shall be lawful only if and to the extent that at least one of the following applies:

(c) Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject;

The Education (Information about Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013–Section 3.

The Education Act 1996 - Section 537A – states that we provide individual pupil information as the relevant body such as the Department for Education.

Children's Act 1989 – Section 83 – places a duty on the Secretary of State or others to conduct research.

**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

Personal data relating to pupils at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and their families is stored in line with the school’s GDPR Data Protection Policy. In accordance with the GDPR, the school does not store personal data indefinitely; data is only stored for as long as is necessary to complete the task for which it was originally collected.

## Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with or allow restricted access to:

* schools that the pupil’s attend after leaving us
* our local authority
* the Department for Education (DfE)
* NHS/school Nurse
* other private outside agencies who support families and children
* Organisations which provide learning tools (such as My Maths/Spelling Shed etc)
* Organisations which provide Information Management Services (such as Capita SIMS)
* Organisations which provide ICT support services (such as BT Lancahire Services)
* Organisations which provide Virtual Learning Environments
* Organisations which provide communication services (such as Microsoft Office 365, SIMS)

## 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 Mr Paul Eaton, Headteacher.

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

Where the processing of your data is based on your consent, you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.

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

Mr P Eaton is the data protection officer. He is to oversee and monitor the school’s data protection procedures, and to ensure we are compliant with the GDPR.

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

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