

HALLATON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Privacy notice for parents/carers

Under data protection law, individuals have a 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' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

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

Hallaton C of E Primary School is the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data processing officer is Hetty Lachlan (see 'Contact' below).

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

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

- Contact details, contact preferences, date of birth, identification documents, unique pupil number
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests
- Pupil and curricular records
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background, eligibility for free school meals, or special educational needs
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)
- Details of any medical conditions, including physical and mental health
- 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)
- Safeguarding information
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
- Photographs
- CCTV images captured in school
- assessment and attainment (such as key stage 1 and phonics results, post 16 courses enrolled for and any relevant results)

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 this data to:

- Support pupil learning
- Monitor and report on pupil progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- To keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- Assess the quality of our services
- To meet the statutory duties placed upon us for the Department for Education (DfE) data collections

The lawful basis on which we use this information

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
- We need it to perform an official task in the public interest

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

- We have obtained consent to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect the individual's vital interests (or someone else's vital 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

While the majority of information we collect about pupils is mandatory, there is some information that can be provided voluntarily.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you or your child, we make it clear whether providing it is mandatory or optional. If it is mandatory, we will explain the possible consequences of not complying.

We may collect pupil information through the following methods;

- Registration forms at the start of the school year
- Common Transfer File (CTF)
- Secure file transfer from previous school, or SEND services

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.

Who we share pupil information with

We do not share information about pupils with any third party without consent unless the law and our policies allow 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:

- *Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions*
- *The Department for Education*
- *The pupil's family and representatives*
- *Examining bodies*
- *Regulatory Bodies (Eg Ofsted)*
- *Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for*
- *Financial organisations*
- *Central and local government*
- *Our auditors*
- *Survey and research organisations*
- *Health authorities*
- *Security organisations*
- *Health and social welfare organisations*
- *Professional advisers and consultants*
- *Charities and voluntary organisations*
- *Police forces, courts, tribunals*
- *Professional bodies*

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 and policy.

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>

National Pupil Database (NPD)

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about pupils 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>

Transferring data internationally

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

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 : Mrs Stevens (Headteacher) or Mrs Lachlan (School Business Manager)

You also have the right to:

- to ask us for access to information about you that we hold
- to have your personal data rectified, if it is inaccurate or incomplete

- to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing
- to restrict our processing of your personal data (i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing)
- to object to direct marketing (including profiling) and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics
- not to be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a legal or similarly significant effect on you

If you have a concern or complaint 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/>

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by the Department for Education (DfE), please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

Last updated

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. This version was last updated on 17.11.22.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: Mrs Stevens (Headteacher) or Mrs Lachlan (School Business Manager)