

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

We **Old Park School** are the data controller for the purposes of Data Protection Law.

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

We collect and use pupil information under the following Acts of parliament and associated legislation:

The Education Act, amendments and accompanying regulations – For example; Section 537A of the 1996 Act enables the education setting to collect information to perform the Department of Education's termly census.

Section 40(2)(a) of the Childcare Act 2006 - early years foundation stage and Section 87 of the Education Act 2002 - key stage 1 and key stage 2, enables primary age education settings to collect information for the assessing and reporting of the national curriculum

There are various versions of the Education Act both preceding and following the 1996 Act that have influence on what information is required and how it is processed such as: The Education Reform Act 1988, Further and Higher Education Act 1992, Education Act 1994, School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998, Education Act 2002, Higher Education Act 2004, Education Act 2005, Education and Inspection Act 2006 and Education Act 2011, The Education (Pupil Information) England Regulations 2005 and associated regulations and statutory instruments.

Where appropriate we also rely on:

The Children Act and subsequent amendments  
The Common Law Duty of Care  
Health and Safety at Work Act  
Working together to Safeguard Children Guidelines (DfE)  
Equality Act 2010  
The Disability Discrimination Act,  
Special Educational Needs (SEN) Code of Practice  
Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act  
Limitation Act 1980

We collect and use the pupil information for the following purposes:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil attainment progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services

- to keep children safe (safeguarding, food allergies, health and medication, emergency contact details)
- to meet the statutory duties placed upon us for DfE data collections
- to protect pupil welfare
- to administer admissions
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing

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

- Personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, gender, religion, date of birth, free school meal eligibility)
- Special educational needs (including the needs and ranking). Including the administration and completion EHCP reviews and processes.
- Safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- Medical and administration (such as conditions, doctors information, child health, dental health, allergies, administration of medication, Health Management Plans, Advanced Care Plans and dietary requirements, records of Covid19 LFT/PCR tests, records of vaccines)
- Personal Handling Plans of individual pupils
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers.
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons, any previous schools attended)
- Assessment and attainment information (such as EYFS, Key Stage or internal academic assessment information, phonics results, post 16 courses enrolled for and any relevant results)
- Pupil and curricular records
- Behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)
- Information of looked after children
- Transport information and details of respite providers.

For a further example of the information typically held by schools, please see the Department for Education (DfE) Common Basic Data Set, here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-basic-data-set-cbds-database>

### **Collecting pupil information**

We collect pupil information via registration forms when pupils start at the school and/or Common Transfer File (CTF) or secure file transfer from previous school. An update is completed by parents/carers at the start of each school year to record any amendments.

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 data protection legislation, we will inform you at the point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain pupil information to us or if you have a choice in this and we will tell you what you need to do if you do not want to share this information with us.

We intend to collect consent to process information for photos, school trips, use of rebound, medication, application of sun cream/face paints and marketing (publication of school activities e.g. School Assemblies); please note, you have a right to withdraw consent at any time and can contact the school to do this.

If you provide us with contact details of others, for example, in case of emergency or when you may not be available please ensure that they are aware their information has been passed to the school.

We will also receive the above types of personal information, where relevant, from the previous school/nursery and may also receive information from the Local Authority (LA) and the DfE.

### **Storing pupil data**

The information we collect, use and store about pupils and their parents/carers is retained on our computer systems and in paper files, either until it is updated/superseded or until the pupil leaves the school where it will be passed on to the receiving school in accordance with the Education (Pupil Information) England Regulations 2005. Records are retained by a Secondary school for the period of 25 years from the Date of birth of the Child (plus 6 years if SEN information). Further information on how long schools retain information can be seen in the Information Records Management Society Toolkit for schools available at this link: [School records retention periods](#)

### **Who do we share pupil information with?**

We routinely share pupil information with:

- Relevant staff within the school
- Schools/colleges/work related learning placements that the pupil's attend
- Therapists/peripatetic teachers working in school e.g. VI/HI, Soundswell, Lucy Bates OT
- Our local authority
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- School Health e.g. School Nurse, NHS Speech and Language, Physiotherapist, OT
- Health Services including Public Health, Dudley Health Protection Team via School Life Infectious Disease App
- Arbor
- Compass+
- Connexions
- CPOMS
- E-PEP
- Evidence for Learning/Insight
- Evolve
- GroupcallXporter
- InVentry
- Microsoft Online Service – Microsoft Office 365
- RM Education
- Relish
- School Life
- Sleuth
- Smoothwall/e-Safe Monitoring service
- Sharepoint
- Tucasi
- Wonde
- Facebook

#### Arbor

This enables **Old Park School** to process and record pupil information. It records Pupil details including contact details, attendance, medical information etc.

Compass+ and GroupcallXporter enables **Old Park School** to oversee, plan for and evaluate its careers, information, advice and guidance offer in line with the Gatsby Benchmarks. This is supported by the **Connexions** service.

CPOMS enables **Old Park School** to improve its management of child protection and similar incidents and actions. This records child protection, behavioural issues, bullying, and special educational needs.

Evidence for Learning/Insight enables **Old Park School** to record curriculum evidence, assessment details and monitor and analyse progress. Old Park School also shares information from Evidence for Learning with parents/carers.

E-PEP is a Personal Education Plan for Children Looked after by Local Authorities. This enables **Old Park School** to track progress, attainment, monitor attendance and oversee the allocation of Pupil Premium.

Evolve enables **Old Park School** to risk assess for offsite curriculum visits.

InVentry enables **Old Park School** to record and monitor attendance of staff, visitors and pupils.

Microsoft 365/Sharepoint enables **Old Park School** to communicate process and manage student accounts.

RM Education/RM Safety net enables **Old Park School** to filter web content and searches. It will save individual students search history.

Relish enables **Old Park School** to provide school meals service taking information from RM Integris via Wonde to ensure Health needs are accounted for.

School Life enables **Old Park School** to improve its communication with parents and is used to send messages and letters.

Smoothwall/eSafey enables **Old Park School** to filter and monitor usage of digital devices including the internet.

Tucasi enables **Old Park School** to operate online payment of dinner money.

Wonde enables **Old Park School** to facilitate Free School Meal vouchers and Household Fund Vouchers.

Facebook enables **Old Park School** to share information with parents, staff and Governors only regarding School events. Photos are only published where the necessary consent forms have been completed.

We are committed to working with the Local Authority in protecting and safeguarding children and young people in the Borough. As a consequence, we intend, where relevant to do so, share

information with the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) which is a co-located arrangement of agencies including the local authority, Police, NHS Trusts and Probation Service integrated into a multi-agency team.

The MASH is the single point of contact for safeguarding concerns, the MASH share information appropriately and securely on children or young people in order to take timely and appropriate actions. The teams also provide information and advice across a range of child and family services.

Where a pupil/parent/carers has been involved in an accident, an Accident/Incident Report Form will be completed which will include details of the accident including information about you. This information will be passed to the Corporate Health and Safety Team at the local authority. This information will be accessed by Dudley MBC employees, who legally require access to this data, for purposes related to this incident, and may be shared with others to allow us to comply with our statutory duties'.

### **Aged 14+ qualifications**

For pupils enrolling for post 14 qualifications, the Learning Records Service will give us a pupil's unique learner number (ULN) and may also give us details about the pupil's learning or qualifications

### **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>.

### **Youth support services**

#### **What is different about 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 object to any information in addition to their child's name, address and date of birth being passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us. This right is transferred to the child / pupil once they reach age 16.

Data is securely transferred to the youth support service via DGfL and is stored on a password protected database and held until the pupils 31<sup>st</sup> birthday.

### **Our 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

A child / pupil once they reach they reach the age of 16 can object to only name, address and date of birth is passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us.

Data is securely transferred to the youth support service via DGfL and is stored on a password protected database and held until the pupils 31st birthday.

For more information about services for young people, please visit our local authority website:

[www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk)

For more information about young people's services, please go to the National Careers Service page at <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/aboutus/Pages/default.aspx>

*It is strongly recommended that pupils and their parents consider the importance and value of the information being shared with Youth Support Services as this information is used to identify young people within Dudley schools who will need support from the Connexions service to move to a positive destination after leaving school and therefore complies with the Raising of the Participation Age.*

### **Local Authorities**

We may be required to share information about our pupils with the local authority to ensure that they can conduct their statutory duties under

- The Schools Admission Code, including conducting Fair Access Panels.

### **Department for Education**

The Department for Education (DfE) collects personal data from educational settings and local authorities via various statutory data collections. We are required to share information about our pupils with the Department for Education (DfE), either directly or via our local authority for the purpose of those data collections, under: -

- Section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

All data is transferred securely and held by DfE under a combination of software and hardware controls, which meet the current [government security policy framework](#).

For more information, please see 'How Government uses your data' section. For privacy information on the data the Department for Education collects and uses, please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/privacy-information-early-years-foundation-stage-to-key-stage-3>

and

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/privacy-information-key-stage-4-and-5-and-adult-education>

### **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 Miss Tina Partridge, 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
- a right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts

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 DfE, please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

### **Withdrawal of consent and the right to lodge a complaint**

Where we are processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting Miss Tina Partridge, Headteacher on 01384 818905.

### **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 **1<sup>st</sup> January 2026**.

### **Contact:**

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

**YourIG Data Protection Officer Service**  
**Dudley MBC**  
**The Council House**  
**Dudley**  
**West Midlands**  
**DY1 1HF**

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### **How Government uses your data**

The pupil data that we lawfully share with the 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 (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 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.

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-npd-privacy-notice/national-pupil-database-npd-privacy-notice>

### **Sharing by the Department**

The law allows the Department to share pupils' personal data with certain third parties, including:

- schools
- 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's 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 DfE to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime. Whilst numbers fluctuate slightly over time, DfE typically supplies data on around 600 pupils per year to the Home Office and roughly 1 per year to the Police.

For information about which organisations the Department 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 DfE hold about you**

Under the terms of the UK Data Protection Act 2018, you are entitled to ask the Department:

- 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, you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department's 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 DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>