

MAWNAN C OF E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRIVACY NOTICE FOR HOW WE USE PUPIL INFORMATION

General statement

1. This Privacy Notice explains how and why we store personal information about pupils and parents/carers. It provides a guide to parents/carers about our legal obligations and their own rights. Like any organisation, which handles personal data, our school is defined as a 'Data Controller' and, as such, we are registered with the ICO (Information Commissioner's Office) and we comply with the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulation (No Z7659661).

The categories of pupil information that we process include:

For <u>all</u> pupils		Name, Date of Birth, Gender, Year Group, Class, Address, Contacts
	Personal	Dietary needs, dietary preferences
	Information	Medical practice address and telephone number
		Medical conditions
	Characteristics	Ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth
	Attendance Information	Sessions attended, number of absences, reasons for absence
	Academic attainment	Teacher Assessment grades
		Statutory assessment results
		Standardised score results
		Learning journey evidence (photographs and annotations)
	and progress	
	records	Other photographic evidence of learning
		Reports to parents (mid-year and end of year)
	Other	Pupil Surveys
		Incidental evidence of pupils' successes (certificates, photographs, named
		trophies, celebration events)
For <u>some</u> pupils (orty if applicable)	Other	Free School Meals eligibility
		Court Orders
		Other pupil premium eligibility (such as if the child is looked after)
		Safeguarding records (incidents, external agency reports
		Special Educational needs records (professional assessments, external
		professionals' reports, referrals for external support)
		Pastoral records (referrals for support both internal and external, notes of
		discussions with pupils, pupils' jottings of thoughts and feelings)
		Exclusion information
		Behaviour incident records
All Parents/Carers*	Personal Information	
		Names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, relationship to the
		child (of parents/carers and other given contacts)
		Free school meals eligibility evidence
	Other	
		Parents' surveys
		Letters sent to school
		Emails sent to school
		Financial payments, including debt (both manual and electronic)
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2. This list is not exhaustive, to access the current list of categories of information we process further information is in our data asset register.

Why we collect and use pupil information

- 3. We collect and use pupil information, for the following purposes:
 - To support pupil learning
 - To keep informed to keep children safe
 - To monitor and report on pupil progress
 - To provide appropriate pastoral care
 - To protect pupil welfare
 - To carry out research
 - To comply with the law regarding data sharing
 - To meet the statutory duties placed upon us for DfE data collections.

- 4. We use the parents' data:
 - To assess the quality of our services
 - To comply with the law regarding data sharing
 - To ensure financial stability.

Our legal basis for using this data

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 interests).
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.

How we collect pupil information

- 9. We collect pupil information via registration forms at the start of the school year or via a secure Common Transfer File (CTF) from a previous school or setting.
- 10. Pupil data is essential for the schools' operational use. Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it requested on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the 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.

How we store pupil data

11. 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. Our Record Retention Schedule sets out how long we keep information about pupils.

Who we share pupil information with

12. 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 (Cornwall Council) to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns or exclusions
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- Children's Social Care (when safeguarding pupils' welfare)
- The pupil's family and representatives
- Educators and examining bodies
- Our regulator (e.g. Ofsted)
- Suppliers and service providers with whom we have a contract with
- Financial organisations
- Central and local government
- Health authorities
- Health and social welfare organisations
- External professional advisers and consultants (such as Educational Psychologists)
- Police forces, courts, tribunals
- Voluntary organisations linked to the school.
- 13. We do not share information about our pupils with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Department for Education

- 14. 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.
- 15. 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.
- 16. For more information, please see 'How Government uses your data' section.

Requesting access to your personal data

- 17. 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 the school office.
- 18. 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.
- 19. 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/

Contact

20. If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact the school office.

How Government uses your data

- 21. 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 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

22. 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 <u>https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools</u>

The National Pupil Database (NPD)

23. Much of the data about pupils in England goes on to be held in the National Pupil Database (NPD).

- 24. 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.
- 25. 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.
- 26. To find out more about the NPD, go to <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-gui</u><u>de-and-supporting-information</u>

Sharing by the Department

- 27. 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.

28. 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

29. 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.
30. 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

To contact DfE: <u>https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe</u>