

# **St Paul's Church of England Primary School Oswaldtwistle**



***'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young but set an example for the believers in speech; in conduct; in love; in faith and in purity.' (1 Timothy 4:12)***

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

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**Agreed by Governors: 25/11/2020**

*'Working, learning, playing and worshipping together'*

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

We collect and hold personal information relating to our pupils and may also receive information about them their previous school, local authority and the Department for Education (DfE). We use this personal data to:

- Support our pupils learning
- Monitor and report on their progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Assess the quality of our services

This information will include their contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information, exclusion information, where they go after they leave us and personal characteristics such as their ethnic group, special educational needs and relevant medical information.

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

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- 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 (progress and attainment data)
- Behaviour information (rewards & sanctions, misbehaviour, exclusion and incidents of bullying)
- Special Educational Needs (disabilities or learning difficulties that impact upon a child's learning)
- Safeguarding (Child protection records, causes for concern and incidents are shared with relevant agencies following strict protocols in order to ensure that vulnerable children are properly cared safeguarded)
- Medical information (Medical conditions and allergies)

### **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

## **The lawful basis on which we use this information**

We collect and use pupil information under 'Article 6' of the GDPR in order to comply with our legal obligations as a school and carry out our duties as educators to protect and support the children and staff in our care. In addition, regarding 'Article 9', the processing of special categories of personal data, we note that there are occasions when using such information is necessary to carry out our obligations.

We have a range of statutory obligations regarding data collection from the Department for Education (DfE) in-line with requirements of the Education Act 1996. Further details can be found on the DfE website: <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

## **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**

We hold pupil data for as long as pupils are on our roll or in line with government guidance or statutory obligations, whichever is the longer.

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

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupil's attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- NHS Staff/School Nurse Team
- External agencies i.e. police, Children's Social Care, etc

## **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 the school bursar at the school or via email [bursar@st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk).

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

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**

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

**Mrs G Smith, c/o school**