



# **The Brickfields Trust**

Privacy notice for  
parents and pupils

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# Privacy Notice (How we use parent and pupil information)

## The categories of parent and pupil information that we process include:

- personal identifiers (such as name, unique pupil number)
- Emergency contact and family lifestyle information such as names, relationship, phone numbers and email addresses
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, and free school meal eligibility)
- safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- 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)
- assessment and attainment (such as key stage 1 and phonics results)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)
- Images of pupils engaging in school activities
- Catering, lunch choices and free school meal management
- Participation in school trips and extra-curricular activities

## Why we collect and use pupil information

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

- Pupil admission
- to support pupil learning, provide educational services and extra-curricular activities
- to monitor and report on pupil attainment progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral and medical care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- to meet the statutory duties placed upon us for the Department for Education (DfE) data collections
- Informing decisions such as the funding of schools
- Pupil safeguarding
- Enabling pupils to take part in assessments, to publish the results of examinations and to record pupil achievements
- making use of photographic images of pupils in school publications, social media, local newspaper coverage and the school website

Under the [UK General Data Protection Regulation \(UK GDPR\)](#), the lawful bases we rely on for processing pupil information are:

- Consent: the individual has given clear consent to process their personal data for a specific purpose
- Legal obligation: the processing is necessary to comply with the law (not including contractual obligations)
- Vital interests: the processing is necessary to protect someone's life
- Public task: the processing is necessary to perform a task in the public interest or for official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law
- The Education Act 1996: for Departmental Censuses three times a year. More information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

In addition, concerning any special category data:

- conditions of [UK GDPR - Article 9](#):
- Explicit consent
- Vital interests
- Health or social care

## Collecting pupil information

We collect pupil information via registration and admission forms at the start of the school year or Common Transfer File (CTF) or secure file transfer from a previous school.

Pupil data is essential for the schools' operational use. Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is 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.

## Storing pupil data

We hold pupil data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule. For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please visit see our records retention policy [Records Retention Policy 2021.pdf - Google Drive](#)

## Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend before coming to us or after leaving us
- our local authority (Essex County Council)
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- Social care
- Statutory assessment practices

- Barnardo's/Virgin Healthcare
- Our local school partnership
- NHS
- Providers of Learning Software such as Numbots and Times Table Rockstars
- Ofsted
- Professional providers and support services such as lawyers, counselling services and IT services.
- Law enforcement officials such as police and HMRC

## Why we regularly 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.

## Department for Education (DfE)

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:

regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

All data is transferred securely and held by the Department for Education (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.

## 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 Headteacher, Data Protection officer or email [admin@greatwaking.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@greatwaking.essex.sch.uk)

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.

## **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 the Headteacher or email [admin@greatwaking.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@greatwaking.essex.sch.uk)

## **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 July 2023

## **Contact**

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: the Headteacher, Data Protection officer or email [admin@greatwaking.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@greatwaking.essex.sch.uk)

## How Government uses your data

The pupil data that we lawfully share with the Department for Education (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 (DfE) (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 (DfE) 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 for Education (DfE).

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-user-guide-and-supporting-information>

## Sharing by the Department for Education (DfE)

The law allows the Department for Education (DfE) to share pupils' personal data with certain third parties, including:

- schools and 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 for Education's (DfE) 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 the Department for Education (DfE) to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime.

For information about which organisations the Department for Education (DfE) 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 the Department for Education (DfE) holds about you**

Under the terms of the [Data Protection Act 2018](#), you are entitled to ask the Department for Education (DfE):

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