



Privacy Notice Students (How we use student information)

Why do we collect and use student information?

In order to carry out its ordinary duties to students the school needs to process a wide range of personal data about individuals (including current, past and prospective students) as part of its daily operation.

Some of this activity the school will need to carry out in order to fulfil its legal rights, duties or obligations – including those under a contract with parents of its students.

Other uses of personal data will be made in accordance with the school's legitimate interests, or the legitimate interests of another, if these are not outweighed by the impact on individuals and provided it does not involve special or sensitive types of data.

The school expects that the following uses will fall within that category of its (or its community's) **"legitimate interests"**:

We use the student data:

- to support student learning
- to monitor and report on student progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to provide appropriate health and well-being care

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

- Personal information (such as name, unique student 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/learning/progress information
- Relevant medical information
- Special educational needs information
- Behavioural information (including CCTV footage)

Storing student data

We hold student data for the entire time that your child is at the college and for a minimum of 7 years thereafter. (For CCTV footage, please see separate policy)



Who do we share student information with?

We routinely share student information with:

- schools that the students attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- Other local support services (Police, Children's Services)
- Our independent careers advisory service
- Our College Counsellor & Medical team

Aged 14+ qualifications

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

Why we share student information

We do not share information about our students with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

We share students' data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins educational attainment policy and monitoring.

We are required to share information about our students with the (DfE) under regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Students) (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: [Data collection and censuses for schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools)

Youth support services

What is different about students aged 13+?

Once our students reach the age of 13, we may also pass student 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 / guardian can request that only their child's name, address and date of birth is passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us. This right is transferred to the child / student once he/she reaches the age 16.



Our students aged 16+

We may also share certain information about students 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

For more information about services for young people, please visit the local authority website.

[Shropshire Council](#)

The National Pupil Database (NPD)

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about students 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 students 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 Students) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the student information we share with the department, for the purpose of data collections, go to [Data collection and censuses for schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools)

To find out more about the NPD, go to [Find and explore data in the National Pupil Database - Find and explore data in the National Pupil Database - GOV.UK \(education.gov.uk\)](http://education.gov.uk/find-and-explore-data-in-the-national-pupil-database)

The department may share information about our students 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 student 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: [How DfE shares personal data - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

For information about which organisations the department has provided student information, (and for which project), please visit the following website: [DfE external data shares - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

To contact DfE: [Contact the Department for Education \(DfE\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents and students have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, contact the Head at the College address (see below).

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, you should raise your concern with us in the first instance or directly to the Information Commissioner's Office at [Make a complaint | ICO](#)

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

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