

Privacy Notice – Parents and Carers

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains to parents and carers how we collect, store and use personal data about pupils.

We, The City of Leicester College, are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is **Anne Gregory** (see 'Contact us' below).

What data do we use

The categories of pupil information that we collect, process, hold and share includes, but is not restricted to:

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address(es))
- 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 (such as teacher assessments, test and examination results)
- Relevant medical information
- Information relating to Special Educational Needs (SEND)
- Behavioural information (such as number of temporary exclusions)
- Post 16 learning information
- Child Protection / Welfare information
- Photographs and video
- CCTV images

We may also hold data about pupils that we have received from other organisations, including other schools, local authorities and the Department for Education.

Why we collect and use this information

Why we use this data:

- Contact families and carers
- Support pupil learning
- Monitor and report on pupil progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Protect pupil welfare
- Assess the quality of our services
- Administer admissions waiting lists
- Carry out educational research
- Comply with the law regarding data sharing
- Fulfil the requirements for an exam board, qualification

The lawful basis on which we process this information

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

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)

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.

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.

Collecting this information

While the majority of information we collect about pupils is mandatory, there is some information that can be provided voluntarily.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you or your child, we make it clear whether providing it is mandatory or optional. If it is mandatory, we will explain the possible consequences of not complying.

Storing this information

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. We have a Data Retention Policy which sets out how long we must keep information about pupils.

Who we share this information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools and/or post-16 provision that the pupil attends after leaving us this includes assessment information and relevant safeguarding information
- our local authority, including Connexions in order to comply with our legal obligations for statutory data returns such as School Census
- the Department for Education (DfE) in order to comply with our legal obligations for statutory data returns such as Key Stage Two tests
- Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust for delivery of child health services, such as inoculation programmes and school nurses. They also use information about pupils for data research and statistical purposes.
- NHS Digital for analysing and presenting a range of health & social care data, including height and weight of pupils
- Exam boards
- Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and Learning Records Service (LRS)
- Leicester Education Strategic Partnership (LESP), including Leicester Primary Partnership (LPP) and the Education Improvement Partnership (EIP)
- Leicestershire Police
- Contractors / suppliers providing IT and other services
- Financial organisations
- Security organisations

Why we share pupil information

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

We share your data with the Department for Education (DfE) because we have to by law. This is used to give out school funding and for 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:

You can see what we have to send for the school census here:

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

Youth support services

Pupils aged 13+

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we also pass pupil information to our local authority (including Connexions) 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 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 / pupil once he/she reaches the age 16.

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

In accordance with Regulations 23 and 35 of the Representation of the People Regulations (2001), the basic details of young people aged 16+ are used by the local authority for the purposes of encouraging registration and verifying identity prior to entry on the Register of Electors.

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

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 pupil information we share with the department, for the purpose of data collections, go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

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>

Transferring data internationally

Where we share data with an organisation that is based outside the European Economic Area, we will protect your data by following data protection law.

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 our **Data Protection Officer**, see 'Contact Us' details below.

Your other rights over your data

You have other rights over how your child's personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:

- Say that you don't want it to be used if this would cause, or is causing, harm or distress
- Stop it being used to send you marketing materials
- Say that you don't want it used to make automated decisions (decisions made by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- Have it corrected, deleted or destroyed if it is wrong, or restrict our use of it
- Claim compensation if the data protection rules are broken and this harms you in some way

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your child's personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. If you are then unhappy with our response, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office:

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Phone: 0303123 1113

Contact us

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

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