

# St George's Primary School

# Data Protection - Privacy Notice For Pupils and Parents



### **Document Owner and Approval**

Bernard Cassidy (Head Teacher) is the owner of this document and is responsible for ensuring that this policy document is reviewed in line with School's policy review schedule.

A current version of this document is available to all members of staff. Drive location is:

shared/staff shared/admin and management/GDPR

Also published on the school website:

https://www.stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk/page/data-protection-information/39523

### **Change History Record**

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4	Reviewed by HT and Business Manager (also lead data protection officer)for sign in app changes.	27.01.23

Signature:

Date: 24./03/2022

This privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989.

Following Brexit, Regulation (EU) 2016/679, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is retained EU law and known as UK GDPR. The UK GDPR sits alongside an amended version of the Data Protection Act 2018 that relate to general personal data processing, powers of the Information Commissioner and sanctions and enforcement. The GDPR as it continues to apply in the EU is known as EU GDPR.

"People have entrusted us with their most personal information. We owe them nothing less than the best protections that we can possibly provide."

Tim Cook White House Cybersecurity Summit, February 2015

#### **Data Controller**

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We are required under data protection legislation to notify you of the information contained in this privacy notice. This notice does not form part of any contract of employment or other contract to provide services and we may update this notice at any time. It is important that you read this notice with any other policies mentioned within this privacy notice, so that you understand how we are processing your information and the procedures we take to protect your personal data.

### Categories of Pupil Information we Collect, Process, Hold and Share

We may collect, store and use the following categories of personal information about you:

- Personal information such as name, pupil number, date of birth, gender and contact information;
- Emergency contact and family lifestyle information such as names, relationship, phone numbers and email addresses;
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility);
- Attendance details (such as sessions attended, number of absences and reasons for absence);
- Punctuality information and any reasons causing lateness (collected in our Sign in App)
- Performance and assessment information;
- Behavioural information (including exclusions);
- Special educational needs information;
- Relevant medical information;
- Special categories of personal data (including [relevant medical information, special educational needs information]);
- Images of pupils engaging in school activities and images captured by the School's CCTV system;
- Information about the use of our IT, communications and other systems, and other monitoring information;
- Whilst the majority of information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the UK 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.
- It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal information changes during your working relationship with us.

#### **Collecting This Information**

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#### How we use your information

We hold pupil data and use it for:

- Pupil selection (and to confirm the identity of prospective pupils and their parents);
- Providing education services and extra-curricular activities to pupils, and monitoring pupils' progress and educational needs;
- Informing decisions such as the funding of schools from government and other funding streams;
- Assessing performance and to set targets for schools;
- Safeguarding pupils' welfare and providing appropriate pastoral (and where necessary medical) care;
- Support teaching and learning;
- Managing internal policy and procedure. For example behaviour systems.
- Enabling pupils to take part in assessments, to publish the results of examinations and to record pupil achievements;
- To carry out statistical analysis for diversity purposes;
- Legal and regulatory purposes (for example child protection, diversity monitoring and health and safety) and to comply with legal obligations and duties of care;
- Enabling relevant authorities to monitor the school's performance and to intervene or assist with incidents as appropriate;
- Monitoring use of the school's IT and communications systems in accordance with the school's IT security policy;
- Making use of photographic images of pupils in school publications, on the school website and on social media channels;
- Security purposes, including CCTV; and
- Where otherwise reasonably necessary for the school's purposes, including to obtain appropriate professional advice and insurance for the school.

#### The Lawful Bases on which we use this Information

We will only use your information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your information in the following circumstances:

- Consent: the individual has given clear consent to process their personal data for a specific purpose;
- Contract: the processing is necessary for a contract with the individual;

- 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; and
- The Education Act 1996: for Departmental Censuses 3 times a year. More information can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools.

We need all the categories of information in the list above primarily to allow us to comply with legal obligations. Please note that we may process information without knowledge or consent, where this is required or permitted by law.

#### **Sharing Data**

We may need to share your data with third parties where it is necessary. There are strict controls on who can see your information. We will not share your data if you have advised us that you do not want it shared unless it's the only way we can make sure you stay safe and healthy or we are legally required to do so.

We share pupil information with:

- The Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013;
- · Ofsted;
- Other Schools that pupils have attended/will attend;
- NHS;
- Welfare services (such as social services);
- Law enforcement officials such as police, HMRC;
- Local Authority Designated Officer for safeguarding;
- Professional advisors such as lawyers and consultants;
- Support services (including insurance, IT support, information security);
- Providers of learning software such as TT rockstars, Manga High, Accelerated Reader.
- Wirral Local Authority.
- Approved partners for research on pupil achievement and/or well-being. We will gain your consent for this.

Information will be provided to those agencies securely or anonymised where possible.

The recipient of the information will be bound by confidentiality obligations, we require them to respect the security of your data and to treat it in accordance with the law.

We may transfer your personal information outside the UK and the EU. If we do, you can expect a similar degree of protection in respect of your personal information.

We do not share information about our pupils with anyone without consent unless otherwise required by law.

#### 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 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information</a>.

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: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data">https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data</a>

For information about which organisations the department has provided pupil information, (and for which project), please visit the following website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received</a>

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

# Why we share this information

We only share information that is collected to improve overall support for pupils' achievement or well-being. For example, we share students' data with the DfE on a statutory basis which underpins school funding and educational attainment. To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the DfE please go to https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools.

### **Storing Pupil Data and Retention**

The School keep information about pupils on computer systems and sometimes on paper.

Except as required by law, the School only retains information about pupils for as long as necessary in accordance with timeframes imposed by law and our internal policy.

Full details on how long we keep personal data for is set out in our data retention policy, this can be found on the school's website:

https://www.stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk/page/data-protection-information/39523

#### **Automated Decision Making**

Automated decision making takes place when an electronic system uses personal information to make a decision without human intervention. We are allowed to use automated decision making in limited circumstances.

Pupils will not be subject to automated decision-making, unless we have a lawful basis for doing so and we have notified you.

# **Retention Periods**

Except as otherwise permitted or required by applicable law or regulation, the School only retains personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes they collected it for, as required to satisfy any legal, accounting or reporting obligations, or as necessary to resolve disputes. Information about how we retain information can be found in our Data Retention policy. This document can be found on school's website:

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### **Requesting Access to your Personal Data**

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

If you want to request information, please write to Mrs Susan Walters, PA to the senior leadership team. Contact details can be found by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Right to Withdraw Consent**

In the limited circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time.

To withdraw your consent, please contact Mrs C Roberts, our Data Manager.

Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

#### **Security Measures**

We have put in place measures to protect the security of your information (i.e. against it being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way). In addition, we limit access to your personal information to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know. Details of these measures are available in our data protection policy.

Key steps include:

- Digitalised records. With password protected devices, networks and software.
- All other confidential information should be locked away and securely stored.
- All staff managing data have accredited Level 2 awards in GDPR.
- notified you.

You can find further details of our security procedures within our Data Breach policy and our Information Security policy, which can be found in our staff drive or school website.

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# Your Rights of Access, Correction, Erasure and Restriction

It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal information changes during your working relationship with us.

Under certain circumstances, by law you have the right to:

- Access your personal information (commonly known as a "subject access request"). This allows you to
  receive a copy of the personal information we hold about you and to check we are lawfully processing it.
  You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal information. However, we may charge a reasonable
  fee if your request for access is clearly unfounded or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply
  with the request in such circumstances.
- Correction of the personal information we hold about you. This enables you to have any inaccurate information we hold about you corrected.
- Erasure of your personal information. You can ask us to delete or remove personal data if there is no good reason for us continuing to process it.
- Restriction of processing your personal information. You can ask us to suspend processing personal
  information about you in certain circumstances, for example, if you want us to establish its accuracy
  before processing it.
- To object to processing in certain circumstances (for example for direct marketing purposes).
- To transfer your personal information to another party.

If you want to exercise any of the above rights, please contact Mrs Sarah Jones, the school business manager in writing.

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights).

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In the limited circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please contact Mrs Sarah Jones. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

We hope that Mrs Sarah Jones can resolve any query you raise about our use of your information in the first instance.

### Contact

If you would like to discuss anything within this privacy notice or have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise your concern with our data manager, Mrs Sarah Jones in the first instance. Mrs Jones is our Data Manager. She can be contacted through our <u>contact page</u>.

We have appointed a data protection officer (DPO) to oversee compliance with data protection and this privacy notice. If you have any questions about how we handle your personal information which cannot be resolve by our data manager, Mrs Sarah Jones, then you can contact the DPO on the details below: -

Data Protection Officer: Judicium Consulting Limited

Address: 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE

Email: dataservices@judicium.com

Web: www.judiciumeducation.co.uk

Lead Contact: Craig Stilwell

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office, the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues at

https://ico.org.uk/concerns.

### **Changes to This Privacy Notice**

We reserve the right to update this privacy notice at any time, and we will provide you with a new privacy notice when we make any substantial updates. We may also notify you in other ways from time to time about the processing of your personal information.