St. Helen's Church of England Primary School
Privacy Notice for Parents

1. Privacy notice for Parent/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 how we collect, store and use personal data about pupils.

We, St. Helen's Church of England Primary School are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Invicta Law (see 'Contact us' below)

The personal data we hold

Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about pupils includes, but isnot restricted to:

- Name
- Contact details, contact preferences, date of birth, identification documents
- Parental, sibling and extended family details
- Children who are adopted from care, looked after children, under special guardianship
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests
- Pupil and curricular records
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background, language, eligibility for free school meals, Pupil Premium or special educational needs
- Exclusion information
- Details of any medical conditions, including physical and mental health
- Attendance information
- Safeguarding information
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
- Photographs of your child
- Carefully chosen and vetted educational apps
- 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 use this data

We use this data to:

- 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 research
- Comply with the law regarding data sharing

In orderto meet statutory requirements around appropriate education provision and to fulfil safeguarding requirements, we share information about school history and the latest known pupil and parentaddress and contact details in the event of a Child Missing Education, or becoming Electively HomeEducated. This information also supports the in-year admissions process.

Our legal basis for using this data

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.

How we store this data

Children's records are stored securely in paper files and on the school's secure server.

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 will adhere to the Information Management Toolkit for Schools Document.

Data sharing

We do not share information about pupils with any third party without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary (and it complies with the General Data Protection Regulation, otherwise known as the GDPR) we may share personal information about pupils with:

- Our local authority (e.g. admissions)
- The Department for Education (e.g. attainment)
- The pupil's family and representatives (e.g. attendance)
- Educators and examining bodies (e.g. SATS test papers)
- Our regulators Ofsted, DFE and the ESFA (e.g. pupil data)
- Suppliers and service providers (e.g. sports coaches)
- Central and local government (e.g. attainment)
- Health authorities (e.g. immunisations)
- Health and social welfare organisations (e.g. social services)
- Professional advisers, bodies and consultants (e.g. Educational psychologist)
- Police forces, courts, tribunals (in relation to safeguarding)
- Collaborating schools for moderating purposes

National Pupil Database

We are required to provide information about pupils to the Department for Education as part of statutory data collections such as the school census.

Some of this information is then stored in the National Pupil Database (NPD), which is owned and managed by the Department and provides evidence on school performance to inform research.

The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and exam boards.

The Department for Education may share information from the NPD with other organisations which promote children's education or wellbeing in England. Such organisations must agree to strict terms and conditions about how they will use the data.

For more information, see the Department's webpage on how it collects and shares research data.

You can also contact the Department for Education with any further questions about the NPD.

Transferring data internationally

Where we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

Parents and pupils' rights regarding personal data

Individuals have a right to make a ***'subject access request'*** to gain access to personal information that the school holds about them.

Parents/carers can make a request with respect to their child's data where the child is not considered mature enough to understand their rights over their own data (usually under the age of 12), or where the child has provided consent.

Parents also have the right to make a subject access request with respect to any personal data the school holds about them.

Ifyou make a subject access request and if we do hold information about you or your child, we will:

- Give you a description of it
- Tell you why we are holding and processing it and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you or your child
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with

- Let you know whether any automated decision-making is being applied to the data and any consequences of this
- Give you a copy of the information in an intelligible form

Individuals also have the right for their personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances.

Parents/carers also have a legal right to access to their child's ***educational record***. To request access, please contact Mrs Kember, Head Teacher

Your other rights regarding your data

Under data protection law, individuals have certain rights regarding how their personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:

- Object to the use of personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- Prevent it being used to send direct marketing
- Object to decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected, deleted or destroyed, or restrict processing
- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations

To exercise any of these rights, please contact our Head Teacher.

Complaints

We take any complaints about our collection and use of personal information very seriously.

If you think that our collection or use of personal information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate, or have any other concern about our data processing, please raise this with the school in the first instance.

To make a complaint, please contact our Headteacher.

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

- Report a concern online at https://ico.org.uk/concerns/
- Call 0303 123 1113
- Or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Contact us

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact our Head Teacher in the first instance.

- Mrs Kember at headteacher@sthelens.medway.sch.uk
- Our data protection officer is Invicta Law
  Email – dpo@invicta.law
  Correspondence address – Invicta Law, 1 Abbey Wood Road, Kings Hill
  West Malling, Kent ME19 4YT

This notice is based on the Department for Education's model privacy notice for the school workforce, amended to reflect the way we use data in this school.