

PETERSFIELD INFANT SCHOOL



DATA PROTECTION POLICY

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The school collects and uses personal information (referred to in the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) as personal data) about staff, pupils, parents and other individuals who come into contact with the school. This information is gathered in order to enable the provision of education and other associated functions. In addition, the school may be required by law to collect, use and share certain information. The school is the Data Controller, of the personal data that it collects and receives for these purposes. The school's Data Protection Officer is Julie Amor, who may be contacted at j.amor@petersfield-inf.hants.sch.uk

The school issues Privacy Notices (also known as a Fair Processing Notices) to all pupils/parents and staff. These summarise the personal information held about pupils and staff, the purpose for which it is held and who it may be shared with. It also provides information about an individual's rights in respect of their personal data.

Purpose

This policy sets out how the school deals with personal information correctly and securely and in accordance with the UK GDPR, and other related legislation. This policy applies to all personal information however it is collected, used, recorded and stored by the school and whether it is held on paper or electronically.

What is Personal Information/ data?

Personal information or data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable individual. An identifiable individual is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly by reference to details such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or by their physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity. Personal data includes (but is not limited to) an individual's, name, address, date of birth, photograph, bank details and other information that identifies them.

Data Protection Principles

The UK GDPR establishes six principles as well as a number of additional duties that must be complied with at all times:

1. Lawfulness, fairness and transparency. Personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. In order for personal data to be processed lawfully, it must be processed on the basis of one of the legal grounds set out in the UK GDPR. These include (amongst other relevant conditions) where processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority exercised by the school. Where the special categories of personal data are processed, this shall include (amongst other relevant conditions) where processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest. When processing personal data and special category data in the course of school business, the school will ensure that these requirements are met where relevant.

2. Purpose limitation. Personal data shall be collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes (subject to exceptions for specific archiving purposes). The school will only process personal data for specific purposes and will notify those purposes to the data subject when it first collects the personal data or as soon as possible thereafter.

3. Data minimisation. Personal data shall be adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary to the purposes for which they are processed and not excessive. Personal data which is not necessary for the purpose for which it is obtained will not be collected.

4. Accuracy. Personal data shall be accurate and where necessary, kept up to date; Personal data should be reviewed and updated as necessary and should not be retained unless it is reasonable to assume that it is accurate. Individuals should notify the school of any changes in circumstances to enable records to be updated accordingly. The school will be responsible for ensuring that updating or records takes place where appropriate.

5. Storage limitation. Personal data shall be kept in a form that permits the identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed. The school will not keep personal data for longer than is necessary for the purpose or purposes for which they were collected and will take reasonable steps to destroy or erase from its systems all data which is no longer required.

6. Integrity and confidentiality. Personal data shall be processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data and which includes protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

Duties

Personal data shall not be transferred to a country or territory outside the UK and the European Union (EU)/European Economic Area (EEA), unless that country or territory ensures an adequate level of data protection. Data Controllers have a General Duty of accountability for personal data.

Commitment

The school is committed to maintaining the principles and duties in the UK GDPR at all times. Therefore the school will:

- Inform individuals of the identity and contact details of the data controller.
- Inform individuals of the contact details of the Data Protection Officer
- Inform individuals of the purposes that personal information is being collected and the basis for this.
- Inform individuals when their information is shared, and why and with whom unless the UK GDPR provides a reason not to do this.
- If the school plans to transfer personal data outside the UK and the EU/EEA the school will inform individuals and provide them with details of where they can obtain details of the safeguards for that information.
- Inform individuals of their data subject rights.
- Inform individuals that the individual may withdraw consent (where relevant) and that if consent is withdrawn that the school will cease processing their data although that will not affect the legality of data processed up until that point.
- Provide details of the length of time an individual's data will be kept
- Should the school decide to use an individual's personal data for a different reason to that for which it was originally collected the school shall inform the individual and where necessary seek consent.

- Check the accuracy of the information it holds and review it at regular intervals.
- Ensure that only authorised personnel have access to the personal information whatever medium (paper or electronic) it is stored in.
- Ensure that clear and robust safeguards are in place to ensure personal information is kept securely and to protect personal information from loss, theft and unauthorised disclosure, irrespective of the format in which it is recorded.
- Ensure that personal information is not retained longer than it is needed.
- Ensure that when information is destroyed that it is done so appropriately and securely.
- Share personal information with others only when it is legally appropriate to do so.
- Comply with the duty to respond to requests for access to personal information (known as Subject Access Requests).
- Ensure that personal information is not transferred outside the UK and the EU/EEA without the appropriate safeguards.
- Ensure that all staff and governors are aware of and understand these policies and procedures.

Retention and Disposal of Personal Data

The school will dispose of personal data in a way which protects the rights and privacy of data subjects (e.g. shredding, disposal as confidential waste, secure electronic deletion) as appropriate.

The school maintains a Retention Schedule that is specific and relevant to the specific types of information retained. The schedule outlines the appropriate periods for retention in each case.

Complaints

Complaints will be dealt with in accordance with the school's complaints policy. Complaints relating to the handling of personal information may be referred to the Information Commissioner who can be contacted at Wycliffe House, Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF or at www.ico.gov.uk

Review

This policy will be reviewed as it is deemed appropriate, but no less frequently than every 3 years. The policy review will be undertaken by the Data Protection Officer, Head teacher, or nominated representative.

Contacts

If you have any enquires in relation to this policy, please contact Julie Amor (DPO) via the school office, who will also act as the contact point for any queries.

Staff: March 2023
Govs: May 2023
Statutory/3 Yearly

Petersfield Infant School

Privacy Notice for Pupils (How we use personal information)

Petersfield Infant School is the Data Controller for the use of personal data in this privacy notice

Why do we collect and use personal information?

We collect and use personal information:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services and how well our school is doing
- Statistical forecasting and planning
- to comply with the law (including legal requirements to share data with the local authority and Department of Education)
- to keep children safe (food allergies or emergency contact details)
- to meet the statutory duties placed upon us by the Department for Education

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

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language and free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences, absence reasons and any previous schools attend) and exclusions
- Assessment information
- Modes of travel
- Relevant medical, special educational needs and behavioural information
- Safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)

Legal Basis for Processing

The General Data Protection Regulation allows us to collect and use pupil information with consent of the data subject, where we are complying with a legal requirement, where processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of a data subject or another person and where processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.

When the personal information is Special Category Information we may rely on processing being in the substantial public interest in addition to consent of the data subject and the vital interests of the data subject or another.

Our requirement for this data and our legal basis for processing this data where complying with a legal requirement includes the Education Act 1996, 2002 and 2011, The Childrens Act 1989 and 2004, Education and Skills Act 2008, Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 and the Equalities Act 2010.

Collecting personal information

Whilst the majority of personal information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain personal information to us or if you have a choice in this. Where we are using your personal information only on the basis of your consent you may ask us to stop processing this personal information at any time.

Storing personal data

We hold pupil data for / in accordance with our retention schedule.

Who do we share pupil information with?

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools
- local authorities
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- school nurse

Why we share pupil information

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

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

We are required to share information about our pupils with our local authority (LA) or the Department for Education (DfE) under regulation 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (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

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

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 pupils' personal data with certain third parties, including:

- schools
- 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's 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 DfE to request access

to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime. Whilst numbers fluctuate slightly over time, DfE typically supplies data on around 600 pupils per year to the Home Office and roughly 1 per year to the Police.

For information about which organisations the Department 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>

Requesting access to your personal data

Under the General Data Protection Regulation, 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 j.amor@petersfield-inf.hants.sch.uk

You also have the right, subject to some limitations 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
- a right to seek redress, either through the ICO or through the courts

If parents and pupils have a concern about the way we are collecting or using their personal data, they should raise your concern with us in the first instance or directly to the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Contact:

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

- Julie Amor, Data Protection Officer
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