



Privacy Notice: Pupils

You have the right to know about how our school uses any personal information that we hold about you. Therefore, we have written this 'privacy notice', which explains how we collect, store and use personal data (information) about you.

Our data protection officer is Mrs Hill.

The personal data we hold

We hold some personal data about you to make sure we can help you learn and to look after you at school.

For the same reasons, we get information about you from some other places too – like other schools, the local council and the government. This information includes:

- Your contact details
- Your test results
- Your attendance records
- Your characteristics, like your ethnic background or any special educational needs
- Any medical conditions you have
- Details of any behaviour issues or exclusions
- Photographs
- CCTV images

Why we use this data

We use this information to help run the school, including to:

- get in touch with you and your parents or carers when we need to;
- look after your wellbeing;
- check how you're doing in your school work and whether you or your teachers need any extra help;
- track how well the school as a whole is performing.

Our legal reason for using this data

We will only collect and use your information when the law says we can. Most often, we will use your information where:

- we need to obey the law;
- we need to use it to provide you with an education.

Sometimes, we may also use your personal information where:

- you, or your parents/carers have given us permission to use it in a certain way;
- we need to protect your interests (or someone else's interest).

Where we got permission to use your data, you or your parents/carers may withdraw this at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for permission, and explain how to go about withdrawing the permission.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using your information overlap, and there may be several reasons which mean we can use your data.

Collecting this information

While in most cases you, or your parents/carers must provide the personal information we need to collect, there are some occasions when you can choose whether or not to provide the information. We will always tell you if it is optional. If you must provide the data, we will explain what might happen if you don't.

How we store this data

We will keep personal information about you while you are a pupil at our school and for one year after your year group has officially left the school. We may also keep it for longer if the law says we must.

Data sharing

We do not share personal information about you with anyone outside the school without permission from you or your parents/carers, unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary for another reason allowed under data protection law, we may share personal information about you with:

- Worcestershire County Council
- The Department for Education
- Your parents or carers
- Diocese of Worcester
- Ofsted
- Suppliers and service providers
- Financial organisations
- Schools that you move on to
- Our auditors
- Survey and research organisations
- Health authorities
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Professional advisers and consultants
- Charities and voluntary organisations
- Police forces, courts, tribunals

National Pupil Database

We are required to provide information about you to the Department for Education (a government department) as part of data collections, such as the school census.

Some of this information is then stored in the National Pupil Database, which is managed by the Department for Education and provides evidence on how schools are performing. This, in turn, supports research.

The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information it holds is collected securely from schools, local authorities, exam boards and others.

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

You can find more information about this on the Department for Education's webpage on [how it collects and shares research data](#).

You can also [contact the Department for Education](#) if you have any questions about the database.

Youth support services

Once you reach the age of 13, we are legally required to pass on certain information about you to the youth support services provider as it has legal responsibilities regarding the education or training of 13-19 year-olds. This information enables it to provide youth support services, post-16 education and training services, and careers advisers.

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.

Your rights

How to access personal information we hold about you

You can find out if we hold any personal information about you, and how we use it, by making a **'subject access request'**, as long as we judge that you can properly understand your rights and what they mean.

If we do hold information about you, we will:

- Give you a description of it
- Tell you why we are holding and using it, and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you or your parents
- Tell you who it has been (or will be) shared with
- Let you know if we are using your data to make any decisions being taken by a computer or machine, rather than by a person
- Give you a copy of the information

You may also ask us to send your personal information to another organisation electronically in certain circumstances. If you want to make a request please contact our data protection officer.

Your other rights over your data

You have other rights over how your 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



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 us in the first instance.

To make a complaint, please contact our data protection officer.

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 **data protection officer**:

- Mrs Hill, office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk

