

## Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)

Burnham on Crouch Primary School is the data controller for the use of personal data in this privacy notice.

### The categories of pupil information that we process include:

- personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address)
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, and free school meal eligibility)
- safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- special educational needs (including the needs and ranking)
- medical and administration (such as doctors information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements)
- attendance (such as sessions attended, number of absences, absence reasons and any previous schools attended)
- assessment and attainment (such as key stage 1 and phonics results, post 16 courses enrolled for and any relevant results)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)
- trips and activities
- extended school club management
- free school meal management

This list is not exhaustive and may be updated from time to time in line with the needs of our pupil, the school and to meet our legal requirements.

### Why we collect and use pupil information

We collect and use pupil information, for the following purposes:

- a) to support pupil learning
- b) to monitor and report on pupil attainment progress
- c) to provide appropriate pastoral care
- d) to assess the quality of our services
- e) to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- f) to meet the statutory duties placed upon us for the Department for Education (DfE) data collections
- g) to contact parents/carers

Under the [UK General Data Protection Regulation \(UK GDPR\)](#), the lawful bases we rely on for processing pupil information are:

#### The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use student information under GDPR, Article 6(1):

1. Where it is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation on the academies to educate the data subject or that the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for

one or more specific purposes.

2. Where processing is necessary for the performance of tasks carried out in the public interest. It is in the public interest to provide educational services to our pupils and to offer extracurricular activities such as, but not limited to, reading sessions, afterschool clubs to benefit the personal and academic growth of our pupils or where we engage with universities and other educational establishments that offer enrichment.

3. Where processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests, except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject which require protection of personal data. This may include matters such as supporting student learning above by recording lessons and making the recording available to pupils where a pupil cannot attend a lesson (e.g. because the pupil is ill or the relevant parent is unavailable to supervise),

4. Personal data will be collected and/or processed for the purposes of relevant contracts for the provision of services which are paid for. This may include but is not limited to:

- Extended School Club
- School trips

We do not process any special categories of personal data except where necessary for reasons of substantial public interest in complying with legal obligations (including under the Equality Act 2010), or where necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person and where safeguards are in place to ensure that this personal data is kept secure. For the avoidance of doubt where special categories of personal data are collected it shall not be used for the purposes of automated decision making and/or profiling. Special categories of data mean personal data revealing:

- Race
- Ethnic origin
- Politics
- Religion
- Genetics
- Health

## Collecting pupil information

We collect pupil information via registration forms at the start of the school year, Common Transfer File (CTF) or secure file transfer from previous school and other forms that we may ask parents/carers to complete during pupils' time at the school.

Pupil data is essential for the schools' operational use. Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it requested on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the data protection legislation, we will inform you at the point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain pupil information to us or if you have a choice in this.

## Storing pupil data

We hold pupil data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule. For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please contact our school office.

## Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us

- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- School Nurses/NHS/other medical & educational professionals

## Why we regularly share pupil information

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

## Department for Education (DfE)

The Department for Education (DfE) collects personal data from educational settings and local authorities via various statutory data collections. We are required to share information about our pupils with the Department for Education (DfE) either directly or via our local authority for the purpose of those data collections, under:

- section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

All data is transferred securely and held by DfE under a combination of software and hardware controls, which meet the current [government security policy framework](#).

For more information, please see 'How Government uses your data' section.

## 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 by emailing: [admin@burnham-on-crouch.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@burnham-on-crouch.essex.sch.uk), or by post to the school address.

You also have the right to:

- to ask us for access to information about you that we hold
- to have your personal data rectified, if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing
- to restrict our processing of your personal data (i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing)
- to object to direct marketing (including profiling) and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics
- not to be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a legal or similarly significant effect on you

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

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by the

Department for Education (DfE), please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

## Last updated

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. This version was last updated in October 2023

## Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice or withdraw consent, please contact our Data Lead Officer on 01621 782070 opt 2 or by emailing [admin@burnham-on-crouch.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@burnham-on-crouch.essex.sch.uk)

## How Government uses your data

The pupil data that we lawfully share with the the Department for Education (DfE) through data collections:

- underpins school funding, which is calculated based upon the numbers of children and their characteristics in each school.
- informs 'short term' education policy monitoring and school accountability and intervention (for example, school GCSE results or Pupil Progress measures).
- supports 'longer term' research and monitoring of educational policy (for example how certain subject choices go on to affect education or earnings beyond school)

## Data collection requirements

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education (DfE) (for example; via the school census) go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

## The National Pupil Database (NPD)

Much of the data about pupils in England goes on to be held in the National Pupil Database (NPD).

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education (DfE) 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 for Education (DfE).

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.

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>

## Sharing by the Department for Education (DfE)

The law allows the Department for Education (DfE) to share pupils' personal data with certain third parties, including:

- schools and 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 for Education's (DfE) 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 the Department for Education (DfE) to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime.

For information about which organisations the Department for Education (DfE) 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/dfе-external-data-shares>

## **How to find out what personal information the Department for Education (DfE) holds about you**

Under the terms of the [Data Protection Act 2018](#), you are entitled to ask the Department for Education (DfE):

- if they are processing your personal data
- for a description of the data they hold about you
- the reasons they're holding it and any recipient it may be disclosed to
- for a copy of your personal data and any details of its source

If you want to see the personal data held about you by the Department for Education (DfE), you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department for Education's (DfE) personal information charter that is published at the address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter>

To contact the Department for Education (DfE): <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>