

Privacy Notice for Blackford C of E Primary School

(How we use Pupil Information)

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

- Personal information (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 and 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)

Why we collect and use this information

We collect and use the pupil information, for the following purposes: and under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the lawful bases we rely on for processing pupil information are noted in *RED (article 6)* and *BLUE (article 9)*

- to support pupil learning: *6(1)(e) Necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller i.e. to educate the child.*
- to monitor and report on pupil attainment progress: *6(1)(e) Necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller i.e. to educate the child.*
- to provide appropriate pastoral care: *6(1)(e) Necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller i.e. to educate the child.*
9(2)(c) Necessary to protect the vital interests of a data subject
- to assess the quality of our services: *6(1)(f) Necessary for legitimate interests of the controller or a third party, except where such interests are overridden by the interests, rights or freedoms of the data subject.*
- to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details): *6(1)(d) Necessary to protect the vital interests of a data subject or another person 9(2)(h) For preventative/occupational medical reasons;*
- to meet statutory duties placed upon us for DfE data collections: *6(1)(c) Necessary for compliance with a legal obligation*

How we collect pupil information

We collect pupil information via registration forms at the start of the school year or Common Transfer File (CTF) or secure file transfer from previous 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 is 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.

How we store pupil data

We hold pupil data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule, based on government guidance and it is available on request.

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).
- The School Nurse Service and Medical practitioners
- 3rd party providers such as Educational providers e.g. Cumbria Outdoors

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.

We share this information in order to inform future education providers of the progress made by the child, to ensure the safety of the child on Educational visits and to allow their educational, physical and medical development to be fully maximised. We take every step to ensure the safe onward delivery of the data we store on our pupils.

Department for Education

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 Mrs Linda W Smith on head@blackford.cumbria.sch.uk/DPO: Gerard Barr on gerardbarr57@gmail.com

You also have the right 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 you have a concern or complaint about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you 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: Mrs Linda W Smith on [head@blackford.cumbria.sch.uk /DPO](mailto:head@blackford.cumbria.sch.uk/DPO) Gerard Barr on gerardbarr57@gmail.com

How Government uses your data

The pupil data that we lawfully share with the 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 use 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)

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 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.

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

The law allows the Department to 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 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/national-pupil-database-requests-received>

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

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