



# Privacy Notice for Students

2025

## How we use student information

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

- personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons).

## Why we collect and use this information

We use student data:

- to support student learning
- to monitor and report on student progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing.

## The lawful basis on which we process this information

We collect and use student information under the General Data Protection Regulations, we will process your personal data and educational records, under the lawful basis of Public Interest, where Article 6(1)(e) states that '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'.

Processing of personal data such as racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation shall be prohibited under Article 9 will only be undertaken by the school where explicit consent has been given, or the processing is necessary for the school to comply with its legal obligations.

## Collecting student information

Whilst the majority of student 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 student information to us or if you have a choice in this.

## Storing student data

We hold student data until they are 25 years of age, as described in the Limitation Act 1980.

## Collecting parental/carers information

We collect and process personal data relating to the parents of students at the School. This personal data includes identifiers such as names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers. We use this information to facilitate communication between the parent/carer and the School.

## Storing parent/carers data

We do not share information about our parent/carers with anyone outside the School without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

## Who we share student information with

We routinely share student information with:

- schools that the students attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- Department for Education (DfE)
- school nurse
- NHS.

## Why we share student information

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

We share students' 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 students with the (DfE) under regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Students) (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>.

## Youth support services

### Students aged 13+

Once our students reach the age of 13, we also pass student information to our local authority and/or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide:

- youth support services
- careers advisers.

A parent or guardian can request that only their child's name, address and date of birth is passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us. This right is transferred to the child/student once he/she reaches the age 16.

### Students aged 16+

We will also share certain information about students aged 16+ with our local authority and/or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide:

- post-16 education and training providers
- youth support services
- careers advisers.

A child / pupil once they reach the age of 16 can object to only their name, address and date

of birth is passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us.

Data is securely transferred to the youth support service via a secure file transferring system and is stored within local authority software.

For more information about services for young people, please visit our local authority website.

### **The National Pupil Database (NPD)**

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about students 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 students 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 Students) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the NPD, go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-student-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>.

The department may share information about our students from the NPD with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children in England by:

- conducting research or analysis
- producing statistics
- providing information, advice or guidance.

The Department has robust processes in place to ensure the confidentiality of our data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access and use of the data. Decisions on whether DfE releases data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and based on a detailed assessment of:

- who is requesting the data
- the purpose for which it is required
- the level and sensitivity of data requested; and
- the arrangements in place to store and handle the data.

To be granted access to student information, organisations must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

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>.

For information about which organisations the department has provided student information, (and for which project), please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-student-database-requests-received>.

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

### Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents and students 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: [pa@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pa@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk).

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
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations.

If you have any concerns about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise this with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns>.

### Further information

If you would like to discuss any of the matters in this privacy notice, please contact the school's Data Protection Officer via the Headteacher's PA [pa@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pa@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk).