



# WEST GRANTHAM

Church of England Secondary Academy

## Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)

### Why do we collect and use pupil information?

We collect and use pupil information under the lawful basis of legal obligation and public task.

Examples of data collection for legal obligation purposes are the Department for Education Censuses required under the Education Act 1996 – this information can be found in the census guide documents on the following website

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

To assist with the performance of official functions the academy also retains data locally for pupil achievement tracking.

We also collect and use pupil information where it is vital to their interests eg medical information and where consent has been obtained, for example for a photograph to be included in publicity material.

In some cases pupil information may be shared with service providers where contracts are put in place to benefit pupils/parents eg communication with parent services or payment for school meals services

We use the pupil data:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to safeguard pupil health and wellbeing
- to be included in publicity materials or on the website
- to assist with the collection of payment for pupil meals
- to assist with communication

### The categories of pupil 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)
- Assessment information (such as examination registration number)
- Relevant medical information (name and address of doctor, allergies, medical conditions)
- Special educational needs information
- Suspensions/behavioural information
- Post 16 learning information

### Collecting pupil information

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

### Storing pupil data

In Primary academies, we hold pupil data until the pupil transfers to secondary school when the pupil records transfer with them. In secondary academies, we hold pupil data until they reach the age of 25 years. Records are retained in accordance with the guidance in the Records Management Toolkit for Schools produced by the Information and Records Management Society.

## **Who do we share pupil information with?**

We routinely share pupil information with:

- Schools/academies/multi academy trusts that the pupil's attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- service providers of management information and assessment tracking software
- service providers of parent communication services
- service providers of vouchers for provision of services such as breakfast clubs

## **Why we 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 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 the (DfE) under regulation 5 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>.

## **Youth support services**

### **What is different about pupils aged 13+?**

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we also pass pupil 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 services as follows:

- youth support services
- careers advisers

A parent / 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 / pupil once he/she reaches the age 16.

### **Our pupils aged 16+**

We will also share certain information about pupils 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 services as follows:

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

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 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 information about our pupils 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 pupil 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 pupil information, (and for which project), 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>

### **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 the Data Co-ordinator at [office@wgacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@wgacademy.org.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

### **Contact:**

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

Julie Rickerby  
Data Co-ordinator  
01476 405200  
[office@wgacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@wgacademy.org.uk)

If you have a concern 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/>