



PRIVACY NOTICE: For Parents / Carers

Data Protection Act 1998 (with GDPR update): How we use pupil information

We collect and hold personal information relating to our pupils and may also receive information about them from their previous school, local authority and/or the Department for Education (DfE).

We collect and use pupil information under General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Article 6 and Article 9, Education Act 1996 and Education (England) Regulations 2013.

We, The Castle School, Love Lane, Newbury, RG14 2JG, are the 'data controllers' for the purposes of data protection law.

We use this personal data to:

- Support our pupils' learning;
- Monitor and report on their progress;
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Assess the quality of our services, and
- Comply with the law regarding data sharing

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

This information will include their contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information, any exclusion information, where they go after they leave us and personal characteristics such as their ethnic group, any special educational needs they may have as well as relevant medical information. For pupils enrolling for post 14 qualifications, the Learning Records Service will give us the unique learner number (ULN) and may also give us details about your learning or qualifications. We will also collect information for safeguarding purposes.

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

We hold pupil data for Date of birth of pupil +25 years.

Who do we share pupil information with?

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupil's attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- NHS
- Social Services
- School Nurse/Physio/Occupational Therapists/ Speech and Language Therapist
- Educational Psychologists
- Our Regulator – Ofsted
- Professional Advisors and consultants

Why we share pupil information

We will not give information about our pupils to anyone without your 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 our local authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE) under section 3 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>.

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, the law requires us to pass on certain information to providers of youth support services in our area who have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996. We may also share certain personal data relating to children aged 16 and over with post-16 education and training providers in order to secure appropriate services for them.

A parent/guardian can request that **only** their child's name, address and date of birth be passed to support services by informing Atul Attra School Business Manager, The Castle School. This right is transferred to the child once he/she reaches the age of 16. For more information about services for young people, please go to our local authority website: www.westberks.gov.uk.

For information about careers guidance services, please go to the National Careers Service page at <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/aboutus/Pages/default.aspx>



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>.

DfE may also share pupil level personal data that we supply to them, 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.

This will only take place where legislation allows it to do so and it is in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Decisions on whether DfE releases this personal data to third parties are subject to a robust approval process and are 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 level data, requestors must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information on how this sharing process works, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

For information on which third party organisations (and for which project) pupil level data has been provided to, please visit:

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

If you need more information about how our local authority and/or DfE collect and use your information, please visit:

- Our local authority at <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/article/30204> or
- The DfE website at <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>



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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.

If you want to receive a copy of the information about your son/daughter that we hold, please contact **Atul Attra School Business Manager, The Castle School, RG14 2JG**

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 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/>

Contact:

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

- **Atul Attra, School Business Manager, The Castle School, RG14 2JG**
- **Thomas Ng Data Protection Officer, The Castle School, RG14 2JG**