

Privacy Notice for Parents



Westgate C.P.
School

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The school collects and processes personal data relating to its pupils in order to successfully carry out its functions. The school is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

Who We Are

Under Data Protection legislation, the school is a data controller.

The contact details for the school are as follows:

The Headteacher
Westgate C.P. School
Brooklands Close, Hospital Road
Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk IP33 3JX

Tel: 01284 755988

Email: admin@westgatecp.co.uk

Our Data Protection Officer

The school's data protection officer is:

Data Protection Service Lead
Schools' Choice
2 Friars Bridge Road, Ipswich, IP1 1RR
Tel: 01473 944579
Email: data.protection@schoolschoice.co.uk

Categories of Information

The school collects and processes a range of information about its pupils. This includes:

- Personal information (such as name, date of birth, 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)
- Statutory Assessment Data E.g. Phonics Tests, SATS tests and Teacher Assessments
- Special educational needs information, exclusions/behavioural information
- Relevant medical and dietary information
- Family links and emergency contact information
- We **DO NOT** collect biometric (e.g. fingerprint information)

Why We Collect and Use This Information

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 and promote the welfare of pupils
- to fulfil our contractual and other legal obligations
- to provide additional activities for pupils, for example, activity clubs and educational visits
- to protect and promote our interests and objectives - this includes fundraising
- to promote health, safety and welfare – this includes assessments from time to time by School Nursing Services and other Healthcare Professionals.

The Lawful Basis on Which We Use This Information

We collect and use pupil information under section 12 of the Children Act 2004 and section 175 of the Education Act 2002. We also comply with the UK Data Protection Act 2018, Part 2 chapter 2 section 10 and Part 3 chapter 3 section 60.

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.

We may acquire Personal Data in a number of ways including, without limitation, the following:

- parents of pupils may provide us with Personal Data about themselves or their family in correspondence, forms, documents, during discussions with staff, and through our website;
- we may acquire Personal Data from other parents, or from people outside of the community who know parents or from the pupils themselves; and
- we may acquire Personal Data from third parties such as schools and nurseries, public authorities and public sources

Storing Pupil Data

We follow statutory guidance on retention periods. In most instances, we hold pupil data only for as long as they are on roll at school. In some cases, e.g. where there are Safeguarding issues, the statutory guidance may extend this period to: child's date of birth + 25 years

Who We Share Pupil Information With

We routinely share pupil information with:

- Schools that the pupils attend after leaving us and in the case of transition to secondary school, some information may be shared in advance
- Our local authority
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- School Nursing Service, Dental Nurse, NHS and other Medical/Healthcare Professionals as appropriate
- Education Welfare Officers and Lead Attendance Officers from the local authority
- The Royal Ballet
- School Photographers
- Suffolk County Music Service
- School Swimming Service
- Vertas Catering - dietary needs/preferences relevant to the provision of school meals
- ParentPay
- Third party providers of education learning resources and data monitoring for example (but not exclusively) the following providers: Tapestry, Target Tracker, Depth of Learning, Google Classroom

We sometimes (as appropriate or necessary) share pupil information with:

- Providers of educational support services e.g. Educational Psychologists, Speech & Language Therapists
- Third party providers of Clubs to which your child belongs e.g. music and sports clubs
- School Governors

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 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>.

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 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, please contact the school office in writing or by email.

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, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Individual Responsibilities

Individuals are responsible for helping the school keep their personal data up to date. Individuals should let the school know if data provided to the school changes, for example if an individual moves house.

Further information

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact the school office in writing or by email.