

Devoran School Privacy Notice for Parents / Carers

(How we use pupil information)

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about pupils.

We, Devoran School, are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our Data Protection Officer is: Ian Arkell, SchoolPro TLC Limited.

Registered office address: Harper Sheldon, Midway House Herrick Way, Staverton Technology Park, Staverton, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom, GL51 6TQ

The categories of pupil information that we process include:

- personal identifiers and contacts (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, 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 as well as pastoral information / records of conversation)
- permission slips for educational trips and visits
- first aid information of any accidents that occur on school site

We may also hold data about pupils that we have received from other organisations, including other schools, local authorities and the Department for Education.

Why we collect and use pupil information

The school holds and processes personal data to fulfil our public duties and to comply with the requirements of the Department of Education and with safeguarding regulations. Refer to Devoran School's Data Protection Policy for further information.

The school has a duty to protect this information and to keep it up to date.

We will collect additional personal data relating to learning, assessment and safeguarding through work within the school, this will include photographs and video images of pupils to support their learning for internal use within Devoran School. e.g. Learning Journeys.

We collect and use pupil information, for the following purposes:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil attainment progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to keep children safe (food allergies, accident records or emergency contact details)
- to meet the statutory duties placed upon us for DfE data collections
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use pupil information 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>

We only collect and use pupils' personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we process it where:

- We need to comply with a legal obligation
- We need it to perform an official task in the public duty.

Less commonly, we may also process pupils' personal data in situations where:

- We have obtained consent to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect the individual's vital interests (or someone else's interests).

Where we have obtained consent to use pupils' personal data, this consent can be withdrawn at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for consent, and explain how consent can be withdrawn.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using pupils' personal data overlap, and there may be several grounds, which justify our use of this data.

Collecting pupil information

We collect pupil information via registration forms on entry to the school, through parent update checks using the SIMs ParentLite app, Common Transfer Files (CTF) or secure file transfer from previous schools.

Pupil data is essential for the schools' operational use. Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it 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.

Storing pupil data

We keep personal information about pupils while they are attending our school. We may also keep it beyond their attendance at our school if this is necessary in order to comply with our legal obligations. Our retention schedule/records management policy. We have adopted the Information and Records Management Society's toolkit for schools a copy of which can be obtained from the school office on request.

Who we share pupil information with

We do not share information about pupils with any third party without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required or necessary (and it complies with data protection law) we may share personal information about pupils with:

- Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions
- The Department for Education – to meet our legal obligations and as it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and in the exercise of authority
- The pupil's family and representatives - to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with them, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions
- Educators and examining bodies - to meet our legal obligations and as it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and in the exercise of authority
- Our regulator e.g. Ofsted – to meet our legal obligations and as it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and in the exercise of authority
- Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for
- Our auditors – necessary for compliance with a legal obligation
- External survey and research organisations – with parents/carers consent
- Health authorities – necessary for compliance with a legal obligation, such as safeguarding. In other cases the health professional seeks consent through the school
- Professional advisers and consultants – necessary for the performance of a contract
- Charities and voluntary organisations - necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and in the exercise of authority
- Police forces, courts, tribunals – necessary for compliance with a legal obligation
- Professional bodies – necessary for the performance of a contract

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 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.

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.

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>

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 the Headteacher.

You also have the right to:

- to ask us for access to information about you that we hold
- to have your personal data rectified, if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing
- to restrict our processing of your personal data (i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing)
- to object to direct marketing (including profiling) and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics
- not to be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a legal or similarly significant effect on you

If you have a concern or complaint 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/>

Last updated

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. This version was last updated on 21st October 2018

Contact

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

Headteacher:

Victoria Lock, Devoran School, Devoran Lane, Devoran, Truro TR3 6PA 01872 863 223

Data Protection Officer:

Ian Arkell, SchoolPro TLC Limited, Registered office address: Harper Sheldon, Midway House Herrick Way, Staverton Technology Park, Staverton, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom, GL51 6TQ

07786077514

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 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)

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 NPD 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/dfe-external-data-shares> To contact DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>