



## **Bramley Sunnyside Infant School**

### **Privacy Notice**

#### **(How we use pupil information)**

**You may be aware that on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 new General Data Protection Regulation legislation will come into force. We are required to inform pupils and their families about how their data may be collected and used.**

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

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number, emergency contact details and home 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)
- Curriculum assessment information, including special needs information
- Medical and administration (such as doctors information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements)
- Safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- Behavioural information (such as records of incidents, exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)

#### **Why we collect and use this information**

We use the pupil data:

- a. to support pupil learning
- b. to monitor and report on pupil progress
- c. to provide appropriate pastoral care to our pupils and their families
- d. to assess the quality of our services
- e. to keep children safe
- f. to meet the statutory duties placed upon us

## The lawful basis on which we use this information

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the lawful bases we rely on for processing pupil information are:

- for the purposes of **(a), (b), (c) & (d)** in accordance with the legal basis of Public task: collecting the data is necessary to perform tasks that schools are required to perform as part of their statutory function
- for the purposes of **(e)** in accordance with the legal basis of Vital interests: to keep children safe (food allergies, or medical conditions)
- for the purposes of **(f)** in accordance with the legal basis of Legal obligation: data collected for DfE census information
  - Section 537A of the Education Act 1996
  - the Education Act 1996 s29(3)
  - the Education (School Performance Information)(England) Regulations 2007
  - regulations 5 and 8 School Information (England) Regulations 2008
  - the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013

In addition, concerning any special category data:

- conditions a, b, c and d of GDPR - Article 9

## Collecting pupil information

We obtain pupil information via registration forms and annual updates at the start of each academic year. In addition, when a child joins us from another school we are sent a secure file containing relevant information.

Pupil data is essential for the schools' operational use. 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 GDPR 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

Our pupil data will be retained in line with the DfE guidance including requirements for mainstream pupils, pupils with Education Health & Care Plans, and national timescales for Looked After children

## Who 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)
- Social care, the school nursing service, NHS, local children's centre

## **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 537A of the Education Act 1996
- the Education Act 1996 s29(3)
- the Education (School Performance Information)(England) Regulations 2007
- regulations 5 and 8 School Information (England) Regulations 2008
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### **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 (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)

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, contact the head teacher, Mrs Mary Smith or school business manager Julie Wilson

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
- right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts

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/>

## **Contact**

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

The Data Protection Officer:

Mr T Pinto who can be contacted via the school e mail [bsi@rotherham.school](mailto:bsi@rotherham.school)