



Parkside Middle School

Privacy Notice (How we use pupils' information)

Parkside Middle School is the Data Controller for the use of personal data in this privacy notice.

The categories of pupil information that we collect, hold and share include but is not restricted to:

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Emergency contacts
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Assessment and attainment information
- Relevant medical information
- Safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- Special Educational Needs (including the needs and ranking)
- Exclusions/Behavioural information
- Catering and Free School Meal management (including Biometric data)
- Photograph (included in use of display boards and Bromcom for identity purposes)
- CCTV images captured in school

This list is not exhaustive. To access the current list of categories of information we process please see the [school website](#). We 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 this information

We collect and use pupil information for the following purposes:

- support pupil learning
- monitor and report on pupil attainment progress
- protect pupils' safety and welfare (including food allergies, or emergency contacts)
- provide appropriate pastoral care
- administer admissions
- assess the quality of our services
- comply with the law regarding data sharing
- meet the statutory duties placed upon by the Department for Education

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the purpose of collecting the above is in accordance with the legal bases of Article 6 and, in addition, any special category data is in accordance with Article 9.

Collecting pupil information

Pupil data is essential for schools' operational use and we collect pupil information via various methods including:

- Registration forms at the start of the school year
- Common Transfer Files (CTF)
- Bromcom – My Child at School (MCAS) app
- Secure File Transfer from previous school

Whilst most of the 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 and we will tell you what you need to do if you do not want to share this information with us.

Storing pupil data

We hold pupil data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule. For more information on our Records Retention Policy which sets out how long we keep information about pupils, please see our [school website](#).

Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- Our Local Authority
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- Educators and examining bodies
- Ofsted
- Schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- Pupils' families and representatives
- Health and Social Welfare organisations
- School Nurse
- NHS
- Police forces, courts and tribunals
- Youth support services (pupils aged 13+)
- BAM FM (catering services and premises surveillance)
- Third party school systems (see extended list on the school website).

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.

Youth support services

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 or 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 pupil once he/she reaches the age of 16.

Data is securely transferred to the youth support service via secure portal and is stored and held for the date of birth of the pupil + 25 years.

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.

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.

Local Authority

We may be required to share information about our pupils with the local authority to ensure that they can conduct their statutory duties under

- The [Schools Admission Code](#), including conducting Fair Access Panels.

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 email it to:

Data Protection Officer – dpo@parkside.worcs.sch.uk

Depending on the lawful basis above, you may also have the right to:

- have your personal data rectified, if it is inaccurate or incomplete

- request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing
- restrict our processing of your personal data (i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing)
- 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 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/>

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by DfE, please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

Withdrawal of consent and the right to lodge a complaint

Where we are processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting the school office via office@parkside.worcs.sch.uk

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 in January 2024.

Contact

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

Data Protection Officer - dpo@parkside.worcs.sch.uk

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 (DfE) 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 for Education (DfE).

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-npd-privacy-notice/national-pupil-database-npd-privacy-notice>

Sharing by the Department for Education (DfE)

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 for Education (DfE) has provided pupil information, (and for which project) or to access a monthly breakdown of data share volumes with the Home Office and the Police please visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfe-external-data-shares>

How to find out what personal information DfE hold about you

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018, you are entitled to ask the Department for Education (DfE):

- if they are processing your personal data
- for a description of the data they hold about you
- the reasons they're holding it and any recipient it may be disclosed to
- for a copy of your personal data and any details of its source

If you want to see the personal data held about you by the Department, you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department's personal information charter that is published at the address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter>

To contact DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>