



## **Privacy notice for parents or carers – use of your child’s personal data**

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, St Cuthbert’s R.C Primary School, are the ‘data controller’ for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Veritau Ltd

### **The personal data we hold**

The school collects and holds personal data regarding your child, and this is listed below. The personal data is essential for the school to fulfil their official functions and meet legal requirements. Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about pupils includes, but is not restricted to:

- 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)

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

- a) to support pupil learning
- b) to monitor and report on pupil attainment progress
- c) to provide appropriate pastoral care
- d) to assess the quality of our services
- e) to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)

f) to meet the statutory duties placed upon us by the Department for Education

At the point of transition to secondary school are legally required to transfer information as described in The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005. This includes information relating to:

- Pupil Identifiers such as name, date of birth, gender;
- Basic Details including characteristics such as language, disabilities, ethnicity, medical flags;
- Free School Meal Eligibility including dates of entitlement;
- Looked After Child flag
- Service Child flag including any concerns;
- Special Educational Needs such as the type of provision your child receives and the needs your child has;
- Address Details including phone and email addresses;
- Contact Details including address, phone numbers and email addresses;
- Assessments including a history of assessments from early years onwards;
- School History including schools attended, dates attended and why your child left the previous schools.

In addition, in order to further support transition information in the following areas will be shared if held:

- Learning style;
  - Social & emotional development and behaviour;
  - Punctuality;
  - Early Help/Social Care involvement;
  - Child and family Circumstances;
  - Home to School Partnership arrangements;
  - Friendship groups.
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- Contact details, contact preferences, date of birth, identification documents
  - Results of internal assessments and externally set tests
  - Pupil and curricular records
  - Characteristics, such as ethnic background, eligibility for free school meals, or special educational needs
  - Exclusion information
  - Details of any medical conditions, including physical and mental health

- Attendance information
- Safeguarding information
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
- Photographs

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

### **Why we use this data**

We use this data to:

- Support pupil learning
- Monitor and report on pupil progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Protect pupil welfare
- Assess the quality of our services
- Administer admissions waiting lists
- Carry out research
- Comply with the law regarding data sharing
- Transition to secondary schools

### **Our legal basis for using this data**

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 interest

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 this information**

While the majority of information we collect about pupils is mandatory, there is some information that can be provided voluntarily.

Whenever we seek to collect information from you or your child, we make it clear whether providing it is mandatory or optional. If it is mandatory, we will explain the possible consequences of not complying.

### **How we store this 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 records are retained in compliance with the Information Management Toolkit for Schools.

### **Data sharing**

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
- Secondary schools that your child will be attending in Y7
- The Department for Education for the purposes requested.
- The pupil's family and representatives whom have parental responsibility
- Educators and examining bodies
- Our regulator e.g. Ofsted, Independent School Inspector, Diocese.
- Suppliers and service providers to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for
- Financial organisations
- Central and local government
- Our auditors
- Survey and research organisations
- Health authorities
- Security organisations
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Professional advisers and consultants
- Charities and voluntary organisations
- Police forces, courts, tribunals
- Professional bodies

### **National Pupil Database**

We are required to provide information about pupils to the Department for Education as part of statutory data collections such as the school census.

Some of this information is then stored in the [National Pupil Database](#) (NPD), which is owned and managed by the Department and provides evidence on school performance to inform research.

The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and exam boards.

The Department for Education may share information from the NPD with other organisations which promote children's education or wellbeing in England. Such organisations must agree to strict terms and conditions about how they will use the data.

For more information, see the Department's webpage on [how it collects and shares research data](#).

You can also [contact the Department for Education](#) with any further questions about the NPD.

## Transferring data internationally

Where we transfer personal data to a country or territory outside the European Economic Area, we will do so in accordance with data protection law.

## Parents and pupils' rights regarding personal data

Individuals have a right to make a '**subject access request**' to gain access to personal information that the school holds about them.

Parents/carers can make a request with respect to their child's data where the child is not considered mature enough to understand their rights over their own data (usually under the age of 12), or where the child has provided consent.

If you make a subject access request, and if we do hold information about you or your child, we will:

- Give you a description of it
- Tell you why we are holding and processing it, and how long we will keep it for
- Explain where we got it from, if not from you or your child
- Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with
- Let you know whether any automated decision-making is being applied to the data, and any consequences of this
- Give you a copy of the information in an intelligible form

Individuals also have the right for their personal information to be transmitted electronically to another organisation in certain circumstances.

If you would like to make a request please contact our data protection officer.

Parents/carers also have a legal right within maintained schools to access to their child's **educational record**. To request access, please contact [admin@stcuthbertsschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@stcuthbertsschool.org.uk)

## Other rights

Under data protection law, individuals have certain rights regarding how their personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:

- Object to the use of personal data if it would cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- Prevent it being used to send direct marketing
- Object to decisions being taken by automated means (by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
- In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data corrected, deleted or destroyed, or restrict processing
- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations

To exercise any of these rights, please contact our data protection officer.

## Complaints

We take any complaints about our collection and use of personal information very seriously.

If you think that our collection or use of personal information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate, or have any other concern about our data processing, please raise this with us in the first instance.

To make a complaint, please contact our data protection officer.

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact our **data protection officer**:

- Veritau Ltd
- [helen.swan@veritau.co.uk](mailto:helen.swan@veritau.co.uk)
- 01609 536806

*This notice is based on the [Department for Education's model privacy notice](#) for pupils, amended for parents and to reflect the way we use data in this school.*

Alternatively, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

- Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>
- Call 0303 123 1113
- Or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF