



HALES VALLEY TRUST

Privacy Notice

(How we use pupil information)

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We, Lutley Primary School, Lapal Primary School, Woodside Primary School and Nursery, Hurst Hill Primary School and Priory Primary School are trading on behalf of Hales Valley Trust; the MAT is the data controller for the purposes of Data Protection Law.

Why do we collect and use pupil information?

We collect and use pupil information under the following Acts of parliament and associated legislation: The Education Act, amendments and accompanying regulations – For example; Section 537A of the 1996 Act enables the education setting to collect information to perform the Department of Education's termly census.

Section 40(2)(a) of the Childcare Act 2006 - early years foundation stage and Section 87 of the Education Act 2002 - key stage 1 and key stage 2, enables primary age education settings to collect information for the assessing and reporting of the national curriculum

There are various versions of the Education Act both preceding and following the 1996 Act that have influence on what information is required and how it is processed such as: The Education Reform Act 1988, Further and Higher Education Act 1992, Education Act 1994, School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998, Education Act 2002, Higher Education Act 2004, Education Act 2005, Education and Inspection Act 2006 and Education Act 2011, The Education (Pupil Information) England Regulations 2005 and associated regulations and statutory instruments.

Where appropriate we also rely on:

The Children Act and subsequent amendments
The Common Law Duty of Care
Health and Safety at Work Act
Working together to Safeguard Children Guidelines (DfE)
Equality Act 2010
The Disability Discrimination Act,
Special Educational Needs (SEN) Code of Practice
Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act
Limitation Act 1980

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 keep children safe. (Food allergies, or emergency contact details.)
- To meet the statutory duties placed upon us for DfE data collections.

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

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address, relevant medical information.)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, gender, religion, date of birth, country of birth, free school meal eligibility, special educational needs.)
- Special educational needs (including the needs and ranking.)
- Safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement.)
- Medical and administration (such as doctors information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements.)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons, national curriculum assessment results, any exclusion information, where they go after they leave us.)
- Assessment and attainment information (such as EYFS, Key Stage or internal academic assessment information, post 16 courses enrolled for and any relevant results.)
- Behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)

For a further example of the information typically held by schools, please see the Department for Education (DfE) Common Basic Data Set, here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-basic-data-set-cbds-database>

Collecting pupil information

We collect pupil information via registration forms at the start of the school year, Common Transfer File (CTF) or a secure file transfer from previous school.

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 intend to collect consent to process information for photos, school trips; please note, you have a right to withdraw consent at any time and can contact the school to do this

If you provide us with contact details of others, for example, in case of emergency or when you may not be available please ensure that they are aware their information has been passed to the school.

We will also receive the above types of personal information, where relevant, from the previous educational setting and may also receive information from the Local Authority (LA) and the DfE.

Storing pupil data

The information we collect, use and store about pupils and their parents/carers is retained on our computer systems and in paper files, either until it is updated/superseded or until the pupil leaves the school where it will be passed on to the receiving school in accordance with the Education (Pupil Information) England Regulations 2005. Records are retained by a Secondary school for the period of 25 years from the Date of birth of the Child. Further information on how long schools retain information can be seen in the Information Records Management Society Toolkit for schools available at this link: [School records retention periods](#)

Who do we share pupil information with?

- Relevant staff within the school
- Schools that the pupil's attend after leaving us
- Our local authority
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- Health Services
- RM Integris (RM Integris is a cloud based school Information management system. The system records assessments, attendance, behaviour, student and staff data across individuals, groups, classes and years)
- Parentmail (ParentMail is the app used to communicate between the school and the parent. The personal data used is name of the parent/guardian and their contact details. These are obtained from the school's management information system. To access the app the parent/guardian is invited to download the ParentMail app)
- Inventory (As part of the school's visitor management system we will ask for your name, who you work for, and car registration. We will also record when you arrive and when you leave the school. This information is to ensure that we meet our duty of care under health and safety and the safeguarding of our children. Our data retention period for this information is current year + 6 years. Please note that we will also take a photograph of you and this will be retained on our visitor management system in order for us to use again should you visit us again. If you would prefer your photograph to be removed from the database once your visit is complete please advise either our receptionist or your host)
- DGfL (Dudley Grid for Learning is a partnership between Dudley educational establishments, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council and RM Education. DGfL provides our school with a fully managed ICT service)
- Education City- an educational programme that will store children's names and class detail to allow them to log in to the programme and access educational games to develop skills across the curriculum.
- E-Safe Monitoring Service (e-Safe is a fully outsourced, monitoring and incident review service that helps monitor student, staff and guest use of a school's IT facilities to identify early warning of safeguarding risk)
- Groupcall Messenger- a text message service that allows one message to be delivered to all parents in case of an emergency in order to aid communication with a large amount of parents at once, eg school closure etc.
- Just2easy- IT package to support younger children to develop computing skills.
- Micro Librarian Systems- stores the catalogue of books and information about who has checked a book out or back in to the school library. (a self-service library management system promoting reading and information culture, motivating independent readers and learners for life whilst developing ICT skills)
- Microsoft Online Services – Microsoft Office 365 Microsoft Office 365 (Microsoft Office 365 provides powerful online cloud services that enable collaboration, security and compliance)
- RM Education- (RM Education specialises in providing information technology products and services to educational organisations and establishments)
- RM Unify- (RM Unify is a cloud based educational platform which allows teachers and students to access resources on the internet easily. RM Unify makes this easier by allowing you to setup one username and password to remember for all of these services)
- Times Table Rock Stars-(Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times

tables practice aimed at schools)

- CPOMS (safeguarding) software application for monitoring child protection, safeguarding and a whole range of pastoral and welfare issues. CPOMS is an intuitive system to help with the management and recording of child protection, behavioural issues, bullying, special educational needs and domestic issues. Using CPOMS, schools can ensure that students are safe and fully supported, whilst school staff can focus on teaching and providing support)
- SHEU (School Survey)
- IRIS Connect- a password protected site that allows teachers to record teaching and learning using I-pads. The videos are only shared within the school network on a password protected portal and no information about the children is stored.
- Purple Mash- is a cross-curricular website for nursery and primary school children. It enables children to explore and enhance their knowledge in a fun and creative way
- Papercut- is a print and copy output management software solution for our Multi-Functional Devices
- PSF – Accounting system-Accounting, purchasing and reporting management software
- DBSB – online Training System
- School Suppliers (i.e. Tempest) / Trading Services)
- Scratch (a programming language code. Helps young people to think creatively, reason systematically and work collaboratively.)
- NHS – School Nurses
- Evolve - (online risk assessment for educational visits)
- Edukey –Provision Map software that allows school to track the cost and progress of children receiving interventions or alternative provision within school.
- Accelerated Reader- tracks children’s reading ability and progress through taking online Star tests and quizzing on a book they have read. This will store names, class detail as well as any particular groups the children belong to. Each child will have an individual password and only a small number of staff will have admin codes to be able to access the full website.

Parental/guardian consent is not required where the processing is related to preventative or counselling services offered directly to a child.

We are committed to working with the local authority in protecting and safeguarding children and young people in the Borough. As a consequence we intend, where relevant to do so, share information with the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) which is a co-located arrangement of agencies including the local authority, Police, NHS Trusts and Probation Service integrated into a multi-agency team.

The MASH is the single point of contact for safeguarding concerns, and the MASH share information appropriately and securely on children or young people in order to take timely and appropriate actions. The teams also provide information and advice across a range of child and family services.

Where a pupil/parent/carer has been involved in an accident, an Accident/Incident Report Form will be completed which will include details of the accident including information about you. This information will be passed to the Corporate Health and Safety Team at the local authority. This information will be accessed by Dudley MBC employees, who legally require access to this data, for purposes related to this incident, and may be shared with others to allow us to comply with our statutory duties’.

- CPOMS
- DSL in relevant MAT
- Police Authority
- Children’s Services
- Department For Education
- Local Authority
- Governors for Multi Academy Trust

Why do 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 the (DfE) under regulation 5 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: regulation 5 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.

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 Tracey Brown (**Chief Operations Officer, Hales Valley Multi Academy Trust C/O Woodside Primary School, Highgate Road, Dudley DY2 0SN.**)

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 a right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts.

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/>

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>

Contact:

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

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