

The Keys Federation Academy Trust

Privacy notice for parents/carers – GDPR compliant

Under data protection/ GDPR law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the Trust 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 and parents/carers**.

We, the Keys Federation Academy Trust are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Janice Jones (see 'Contact us' below).

The personal data we collect, hold and share

Personal data that we may collect, use, store and share (when appropriate) about pupils includes, but is not restricted to:

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number, address, date of birth, relevant medical information, Parent's name, Parent's contact number, Parents employment information, Parents date of birth and National insurance number).
- Results of internal assessments and externally set tests
- Pupil and curricular records
- Characteristics, such as ethnic background, language, nationality, eligibility for free school meals, special educational needs and behavioral information.
- Exclusion information
- Details of any medical conditions, including physical and mental health
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons.
- Safeguarding information
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
- Photographs
- CCTV images captured in school

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 information.

We use this data to:

- Support pupil learning
- Monitor and report on pupil progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Protect pupil welfare and safeguard pupils
- Assess the quality of our services
- Administer admissions waiting lists
- Carry out research
- Comply with the law regarding data sharing
- Communicate trust events/campaign, charitable causes or services that maybe of interest to you.

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

Whilst the majority of 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.

How we store this data

Personal Data relating to pupils within schools of The Keys Federation Academy Trust and their families is stored in line with the Trust's GDPR data protection policy.

In accordance with the GDPR, the trust does not store personal data indefinitely; data is only stored for as long as is necessary to complete the task for which it was originally collected.

Why we share pupil information

We do not share information about pupils and their families with any third party 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.

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>.

Where it is legally required, or necessary (and it complies with data protection law) we may share personal information 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
- Schools that the pupil's attend after leaving us
- Educators and examining bodies
- Ofsted
- 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

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 DfE 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 DfE 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.

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 the 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 our Data Protection Officer.

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
- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations

Where the processing of data is based on consent, you have the right to withdraw this consent at any time.

Contact us

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: Janice Jones at The Keys Federation Academy Trust Head Office on 01942 834000 or by post to 682 Atherton Road, Hindley Green, Wigan, WN2 4SQ.