

St George Catholic VA College Southampton

Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)

Introduction

You have a legal right to be informed about how our school uses any personal information that we hold about you. To comply with this, we provide a “privacy notice” to you where we are processing your personal data.

The categories of pupil information that we process include:

- 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)
- internal assessment data
- photographs and CCTV images
- biometric data for catering management
- passport numbers and EHIC/GHIC numbers for the duration of specific overseas trips only

Why we collect and use pupil information

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 for DfE data collections
- g) to compile support plans for pupils with additional needs
- h) to aid identity management or authentication of pupil admissions
- i) to aid application for further education or training or transfer to another school
- j) to provide information to Southampton City Council of pupils on a reduced timetable so that the LA can comply with Ofsted requirements
- k) to protect pupil welfare and carry out safeguarding

Under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) Article 6, the lawful bases we rely on for processing pupil information are:

- for the purposes of **(a), (b), (c), (d), (h), (i), (j) & (k)** 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) & (g)** 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
- for the purposes of **(k)** the processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest

In addition, concerning any special category data held under UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) Article 9 (2) (a)

- In the case of religious beliefs and biometric data the data subject has given explicit consent to the processing of those personal data.

Collecting pupil information

We collect pupil information at the start of each academic year via:

- registration forms
- medical forms
- child protection plans

In addition, when a child joins us from another school, we are sent a Common Transfer File (CTF) or secure transfer file from the previous school.

Pupil data is essential for the schools' operational use. Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it requested on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the data protection legislation, 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

We hold pupil data securely for the set amount of time shown in Southampton City Council's data retention schedule. For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please visit

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/media/4fypjryh/rhrs-version-14-001-01-06-2023.pdf>

The college Data Protection Policy can be accessed on the website

<https://www.stgcc.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=40>

Who we share pupil information with

Please note this is not an exhaustive list but we routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- youth support services (pupils aged 13+)
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- the Catholic Education Service
- the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
- health authorities
- Health and social welfare organisations
- Professional advisers and consultants
- Police forces, courts and tribunals
- Suppliers and service providers so that they can provide a contracted service. For example: SiMS, Involve Education, SiSRA Analytics, Tuition Partners, Fisher Family Trust, CPOMS, EduLink, Careers suppliers and services. Please note this is not an exhaustive list.
- Specialist exam access arrangement assessor
- No Limits
- Saints Foundation

Why we regularly 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.

- Meet our statutory duty to create and maintain an admission register under the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 and subsequent amendments, without which schools are unable to enrol a pupil.
- Support teaching and learning. In order to facilitate this, we may share information with the software supplier to set up the systems needed for pupils and parent/carers to access.
- Monitor and report on academic progress.
- Provide appropriate pastoral care (Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025)
- Assess how well we, as an education provider, are doing.
- Co-operate with Southampton City Council and external partners to improve the well-being of children, under the duty of the Children Act 2004. Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)
- Share information with Southampton City Council and external partners to support the duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, under the Children Act 1989, Section 17. Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)
- Share data with professionals commissioned by the school or working with a pupil such as the School Nurse or health services.
- Comply with our statutory duty under the Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005 Statutory Instrument and subsequent amendments in The Education (Pupil Information) (England) (Amendment) 2008 to create a Common Transfer File when a child ceases to be registered at a school and becomes a registered pupil at another school in England or Wales. This would also apply to pupils who are dually registered at more than one school. If a Common Transfer File cannot be sent to a new school when a pupil leaves, one must be sent to the DfE Lost Pupil Database.

Provide information via statutory census returns to the DfE and in turn this will be available

for the use of Southampton City Council to carry out its official functions, or a task in the public interest. Further information can be found online at <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

- Send pupil information to Southampton City Council on a regular basis in accordance with our information sharing agreement to enable the local authority to meet its duty under data protection legislation to ensure that the data it holds is accurate and also to carry out its official functions, or a task, in the public interest.
- Notify Southampton City Council on a termly basis of all pupils on a reduced timetable so that the local authority can comply with statutory Ofsted requests for data at the time of inspection.
- Comply with the statutory requirements of the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 and subsequent amendments, notifying Southampton City Council if a child leaves the school and providing forwarding details. A failure to provide this information will result in pupils being record as a “Child Missing Education”, in accordance with the government definition.
- Provide attendance information to Southampton City Council so that it’s duties under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003, Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 and Section 36 of the Children Act 1989 (Education Supervision Orders) can be met.
- Provide exclusion information to Southampton City Council so that its duty Under Section 19 of the Education Act 1996 can be met.
- Meet our duty to provide information about any exclusions within the last 12 months to the Secretary of State and (in the case of maintained schools and PRUs) the local authority, in accordance with The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2006.
- When your child applies for further education or training, the school / LA may forward information to colleges or providers in order to aid your child’s transition into further education or training
- As part of its role in supporting its schools and exercising the Bishop’s responsibilities (including oversight of the provision), the Diocese carries out Canonical Inspections under Canon 806 and section 48 Education Act 2005.

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

The information shared is limited to the child’s name, address and date of birth. However where a parent or guardian provides their consent, other information relevant to the provision of youth

support services will be shared. This right is transferred to the child / pupil once they reach the age 16.

Data is securely transferred to the youth support service via **Anycomms** and is stored in accordance with SCC retention policy.

Pupils aged 16+

We will also share certain information about pupils aged 16+ with 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:

- post-16 education and training providers
- youth support services
- careers advisers

Data is securely transferred to the youth support service via **Anycomms** and is stored in accordance with SCC retention policy.

For more information about services for young people, please visit our local authority website.

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.

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 David Walford Data Protection Officer St George Catholic VA College dwalford@stgcc.co.uk

You also have the right to:

- to ask us for access to information about you that we hold
- to have your personal data rectified, if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing
- to restrict our processing of your personal data (i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing)

- to 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 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/>.

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 David Walford Data Protection Officer dwalford@stgcc.co.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 on 23 June 2023.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: David Walford Data Protection Officer dwalford@stgcc.co.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 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 and 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.

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>.

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:

- 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>.