



Branscombe CE Primary School GDPR Pupil Privacy Notice

How we use pupil information

We, Branscombe C of E Primary School are the Data Controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect information from you and may receive information about you from your previous school and the Learning Records Service.

In some cases, your data will be outsourced to a third-party processor; however, this will only be done with your consent, unless the law requires us to share your data. Where we outsource data to a third-party processor, the same data protection standards that Broadhembury C of E Primary School upholds are imposed on the processor.

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

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Parental and family information (such as contact names, numbers and addresses)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- National curriculum assessment results
- Special education needs information
- Relevant medical information
- Behavioural information – e.g number of temporary exclusions

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.

Why we collect and use this information

The personal data of pupils and their families is collected and used for the following reasons:

- Support teaching and learning
- Monitor and report on pupil progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- To assess the quality of our services
- To comply with the law regarding data sharing
- To safeguard pupils

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use pupil information under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and "Article 6" and "Article 9" of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Article 6 (GDPR) condition: Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the data controller is subject.

Article 9 (GDPR) condition: For substantial public interest on legal basis

We also collect and use pupil information under section 537A of the Education Act 1996, and section 83 of the Children Act 1989 <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

Storing pupil data

Branscombe CofE Primary School keeps information about you on computer systems and also sometimes on paper.

We hold your education records securely until you change school. Your records will then be transferred to your new school, where they will be retained until you reach the age of 25, after which they are safely destroyed. Original safeguarding records that were made by our school will be kept at our school until you reach the age of 25, copies of such records will be transferred to your next school.

In accordance with the GDPR, the school 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.

We routinely share pupil information with:

- Schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- Our local authority
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- The NHS
- CPOMS

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.

We are required to share information about our pupils with our local authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE) under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

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)

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 an 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 department 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 Department 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: and
- 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 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 Mrs Katie Gray (Executive Headteacher) or Mrs Ann Denner (Data Protection Officer) see contact details below.

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

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/>

Contact

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

Mrs Katie Gray (Executive Headteacher) or Mrs Ann Denner (Data Protection Officer) by telephone on 01297 680339 or email via admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk

