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Privacy Notice (How we use student information)

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 **students**.

We, **Friern Barnet School**, are the data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Law. Our Data Protection Officer is Mrs A Woodhall and she can be contacted at dpo@friern.barnet.sch.uk

The personal data we collect and hold

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

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details, address, identification documents and National Insurance number)
- Contact information (names, address and contact details for parents/carers)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language and eligibility for free school meals)
- Safeguarding information (such as court orders and professional involvement)
- Special educational needs information (such as SEND needs and support plans)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons and any previous schools attended)
- Relevant medical information (such as doctors information, medical conditions, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements)
- Assessment information (such as results and predicted grades)
- Student and curricular records
- Behavioural information (such as suspensions/exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)
- Details of any support received, including care packages, plans and support providers
- Photographs and moving images
- CCTV images captured in school
- Biometric data for accessing the school canteen
- Parent/carer national insurance number and date of birth to check eligibility for free school meals
- Educational trips and outings

We may also hold data about students that we have received from other organisations, including other schools, local authorities and the Department for Education (DfE).

Why we use this data

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

- to support student learning
- to monitor and report on student attainment progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care and safeguard students

- to assess the quality of our services
- to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- to meet the statutory duties placed upon us for the Department for Education (DfE) data collections
- To comply with the law regarding data sharing
- identify student eligibility for free school meals and pupil premium funding

Our legal basis for using this data

In law, we collect and use student information under the UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR) and UK law, including:

- Article 6 and Article 9 of the UK GDPR
- Education Act 1996
- Regulation 5 of the Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013

We only collect and use students' personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we process it where:

- We need to comply with the law
- We need it to perform a task in the public interest (to provide our students with an education).

Sometimes, we may also process students' personal data in situations where:

- students (or parents/carers) have given consent for us to use it in a certain way
- We need to protect the individual's vital interests (or someone else's interests)

On some occasions we may ask for consent to process data when its use is optional. On those occasions consent can be withdrawn at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for consent and explain how consent can be withdrawn.

Collecting student information

We collect student information via different sources including but not limited to:

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- Student files transferred from a previous school
- Secure common transfer file (CTF) Data Transfer from a previous school
- Student admission forms
- The Local Authority
- Professional bodies e.g. medical reports to support SEND provision and support.

Student 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.

How we store this data

We hold student data until the student reaches the age of 25. Where there have been safeguarding concerns or special educational needs, the retention of student data will be reviewed at this point and decisions about ongoing retention will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Who we share information with?

We routinely share information with:

- Educational institutions that students attend after leaving us
- Local authorities
- Youth support services (students aged 13+)
- Relevant local partnerships
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- The NHS, including CAMHS (for referrals, vaccinations etc.)
- Targeted youth support
- Police and Social Services
- Exam boards
- Education Welfare Officer (EWO)
- Our regulator Ofsted – during inspections

We also share personal data with third party organisations which provide services to us. This data is only shared where it is essential for the service to be provided. We currently provide student level data for the following purposes:

- to provide core school business services
- to run core IT systems, e.g. LGfL for school emails
- to support learning through curriculum products e.g. My Maths, Maths Watch

Youth Support Services

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we are legally required to pass on certain information to our local authority, London Borough of Barnet, and/or provider of youth support services as they have legal responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13 to 19 years olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- *Youth support services*
- *Careers advisers*
- *Post-16 education*
- *Training services*

The information shared is limited to the child's name, address and date of birth. However, where a parent or carer 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.

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 students 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. For privacy information on the data the Department for Education collects and uses, please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/privacy-information-early-years-foundation-stage-to-key-stage-3>

and

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/privacy-information-key-stage-4-and-5-and-adult-education>

Learner Record Service

Once our pupils reach the age of 14, we will pass on certain information used by the LearnerRecords Service (LRS), an executive agency of the Department for Education (DfE), to issue a Unique Learner Number (ULN), and to create a Personal Learning Record. For more information about how your information is processed and shared refer to the LRS privacy notice - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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.

Requesting access to your personal data

The UK-GDPR gives parents and pupils certain rights about how their information is collected and used. To make a request for your personal information, or be given access to your child's educational record, please contact our Data Protection Officer, Mrs A Woodhall via dpo@friern.barnet.sch.uk

You also have the following rights:

- the right to be informed about the collection and use of your personal data – this is called 'right to be informed'.
- the right to ask us for copies of your personal information we have about you – this is called 'right of access', this is also known as a subject access request (SAR), data subject access request or right of access request.
- the right to ask us to change any information you think is not accurate or complete – this is called 'right to rectification'.
- the right to ask us to delete your personal information – this is called 'right to erasure'
- the right to ask us to stop using your information – this is called 'right to restriction of processing'.
- the 'right to object to processing' of your information, in certain circumstances
- rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.
- the right to withdraw consent at any time (where relevant).
- the right to complain to the Information Commissioner if you feel we have not used your information in the right way.

There are legitimate reasons why we may refuse your information rights request, which depends on why we are processing it. For example, some rights will not apply:

- right to erasure does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is legal obligation or public task.
- right to portability does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is legal obligation, vital interests, public task or legitimate interests.
- right to object does not apply when the lawful basis for processing is contract, legal obligation or vital interests. And if the lawful basis is consent, you don't have the right to object, but you have the right to withdraw consent.

If you have a concern 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 [raise a concern with ICO](#).

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by the Department for Education (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 our Data Protection Officer, Mrs A Woodhall, at dpo@friern.barnet.sch.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 October 2025.

This notice is based on the Department for Education's (DfE) model privacy notice, for pupils, amended to reflect the way we use data in the school.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact Friern Barnet School, Hemington Avenue, London, N11 3LS. Telephone: 020 8368 2777 or email is Mrs A Woodhall, Data Protection Officer at dpo@friern.barnet.sch.uk

How Government uses your data

The pupil data that we lawfully share with the Department for Education (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 (DfE) (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 (DfE) and contains information about pupils in schools in England. This information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and awarding bodies.

The data in the NPD is provided as part of the operation of the education system and is used for research and statistical purposes to improve, and promote, the education and well-being of children in England.

The evidence and data provide DfE, education providers, Parliament and the wider public with a clear picture of how the education and children's services sectors are working in order to better target, and evaluate, policy interventions to help ensure all children are kept safe from harm and receive the best possible education. To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-npd-privacy-notice/national-pupil-database-npd-privacy-notice>

Sharing by the Department for Education (DfE)

DfE will only share pupils' personal data where it is lawful, secure and ethical to do so. Where these conditions are met, the law allows the Department for Education (DfE) 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 for Education's (DfE) 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 the Department for Education (DfE) to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime.

For information about which organisations the Department for Education (DfE) 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 the Department for Education (DfE) holds about you

Under the terms of the UK GDPR, you are entitled to ask the Department for Education (DfE):

- 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 for Education (DfE), you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department for Education's (DfE) personal information charter that is published at the address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter>

or <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/requesting-your-personal-information/requesting-your-personal-information#your-rights>

To contact the Department for Education (DfE): <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>