

Norcot Early Years Centre - Privacy Notice **(How we use children and parent's information)**

Norcot Early Years Centre is committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal information. This privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989.

Who Collects This Information

Norcot Early Years Centre is a "data controller." This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about children/pupils.

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

We may collect, store and use the following categories of personal information about you: -

- Personal information such as name, pupil number, date of birth, gender and contact information;
- Emergency contact and family lifestyle information such as names, relationship, phone numbers and email addresses;
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth, national insurance number and free school meal eligibility);
- Attendance details (such as sessions attended, number of absences and reasons for absence);
- Performance and assessment information;
- Behavioural information (including exclusions);
- Special educational needs information;
- Relevant medical information;
- Special categories of personal data (including biometric data, ethnicity, relevant medical information, special educational needs information and relevant child development data).

Why we collect and use 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.

It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal information changes during your working relationship with us.

We use children's and parent's data to enable us to carry out specific functions for which we have a Statutory and Non-Statutory responsibility, derive statistics which inform decisions such as claiming our funding from the Local Authority, for safeguarding and child protection and to assess performance and target our resources.

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We will only use your information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your information in the following circumstances: -

- Consent: the individual has given clear consent to process their personal data for a specific purpose;
- Contract: the processing is necessary for a contract with the individual;
- Legal obligation: the processing is necessary to comply with the law (not including contractual obligations);
- Vital interests: the processing is necessary to protect someone's life.
- Public task: the processing is necessary to perform a task in the public interest or for official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law; and

- The Education Act 1996: for Departmental Censuses 3 times a year. More information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

We need all the categories of information in the list above primarily to allow us to comply with legal obligations. Please note that we may process information without knowledge or consent, where this is required or permitted by law.

Sharing Data

We may need to share your data with third parties where it is necessary. There are strict controls on who can see your information. We will not share your data if you have advised us that you do not want it shared unless it's the only way we can make sure you stay safe and healthy or we are legally required to do so.

We share pupil information with: -

- the Department for Education (DfE) - on a statutory basis under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013;
- Ofsted;
- Other Schools/Settings that children have attended/will attend;
- NHS;
- Welfare services (such as social services);
- Law enforcement officials such as police, HMRC;
- Local Authority Designated Officer;
- Professional advisors such as lawyers and consultants;
- Support services (including insurance, IT support, information security); and
- The Local Authority.

Information will be provided to those agencies securely or anonymised where possible.

The recipient of the information will be bound by confidentiality obligations, we require them to respect the security of your data and to treat it in accordance with the law.

Why We Share This Information

We do not share information about our pupils with anyone without consent unless otherwise required by law.

We routinely share children and parent's information with:

- Reading Borough Councils Early Years team for the purpose of claiming funding.
- Reading Borough Councils Data Team i.e. Termly Census linked to funding and national statistics.
- External Professionals including Health Visitors, Speech and Language Therapist, Educational
- Psychologists, Behavioural Support, CAHMS etc. Where there are concerns about development and behaviour.
- External professionals including children's single point of access team, social workers etc. When there are safeguarding concerns.
- Education Checker Service and HMRC for the purpose of validating eligibility to Early Years Pupil Premium, 2 Year Old Funding and Early Years Extended Entitlement.

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 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 children's 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.

Storing this information

We hold children and parent's data securely on encrypted databases. We store individual child record folders in locked cabinets.

We hold children's data in line with IRMS (Information Records Management Service) guidelines.

Please see the following document for full details on data storage including time scales.

<https://irms.org.uk/page/schoolstoolkit>

Keeping your personal information secure

We have appropriate security measures in place to prevent personal information from being accidentally lost, or used or accessed in an unauthorised way. We limit access to your personal information to those that have a genuine need to know it. Those processing your information will only do so in an authorised manner and are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We also have procedures in place to deal with any suspected security breach where we are legally required to do so.

The 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 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

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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 personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents and pupils have the right to request access to information about them that we hold.

They 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 collect or use personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance.

Right to Withdraw Consent

In circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please contact Diana Heath. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything within this privacy notice or have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise your concern with Diana Heath in the first instance.

We have appointed a data protection officer (DPO) to oversee compliance with data protection and this privacy notice. If you have any questions about how we handle your personal information which cannot be resolved by Diana Heath, then you can contact the DPO on the details below: -

Data Protection Officer Name: Craig Stilwell

Data Protection Officer Details: Judicium Consulting Ltd, 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE

Data Protection Officer Email: dataservices@judicium.com

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office, the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns>.

Changes to This Privacy Notice

We reserve the right to update this privacy notice at any time, and we will provide you with a new privacy notice when we make any substantial updates. We may also notify you in other ways from time to time about the processing of your personal information.