

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Privacy Notice (how we use pupil information) SEPTEMBER 2024

The categories of pupil information that we process include:

- personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address, free school meal entitlement)
- 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 Foundation Stage Profiles, Key Stage 1 Assessments, Phonics Screening outcomes, Key Stage 2 Assessments)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)

This list is not exhaustive. Other categories will be listed as they arise.

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 (eg food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- f) to meet the statutory duties placed upon us for DfE data collections
- g) to ensure pupil safety during off-site one-day and residential experiences

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

please refer to Data Protection Policy

How we collect pupil information

We collect pupil information via:

- ✦ registration forms at the start of the school year
- ✦ Common Transfer File (CTF)
- ✦ secure file transfer from previous school
- ✦ secure file transfer from nominated support services

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.

How we store pupil data

We hold pupil data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention schedule. For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please visit www.staugust.bham.sch.uk

- ✦ **Arbor MIS (cloud-based storage)**
- ✦ **Google Platform**
- ✦ **MyMaths**
- ✦ **Education City**
- ✦ **Educater**
- ✦ **NFER**
- ✦ **WMIST**
- ✦ **SENAR (including Educational Psychology, Pupil Support Service and CAT)**

Departments with whom we share pupil information

We routinely share pupil information (on a "need to know" basis) with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- our local authority and feeder authorities for Y6 and other leavers
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- Advanced Learning
- Educater
- Education City
- MyMaths
- Google Platform
- Wonde
- NFER
- National Health Service and School Nurse
- SEND Services ie Educational Psychology, Pupil Support Service, Communication and Autism Team, West Midland Independent Speech Therapist, Social Care and Health
- Ruth Miskin Literacy (Read Write Inc)
- epeponline for "Looked After" pupils (LAC)
- Handsworth Association of Schools

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.

Pupil data is shared for purposes of Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Assessment, Pupil Support, online learning platforms and pupil transfer.

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:

please refer to Data Protection Policy

FOR SCHOOL CENSUS

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:

Mr P Jones (Data Protection Officer)

c/o St Augustine's Catholic Primary School B21 8ED (0121 554 5069)

p.jones@staugust.bham.sch.uk

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
- a right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts

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/>

Contact

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

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NB

Members of staff from G4S will be wearing body cameras when collecting cash from the school site. Any footage captured is overwritten every few seconds, apart from in the event of the body camera being activated (in the event of an attack). In the event that a body camera is activated, the footage can only be accessed by authorised personnel at G4S as all footage is encrypted.

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
- 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. Whilst numbers fluctuate slightly over time, DfE typically supplies data on around 600 pupils per year to the Home Office and roughly 1 per year to the Police.

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>

To contact DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>