Longton Primary School Privacy Notice for Pupils

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.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about you.

We, Longton Primary School, are the ‘data controller’ for the purposes of data protection law.

Our data protection officer is Linda Masterson (see ‘Contact us’ below).

**The personal data we hold**

We hold some personal information about you to make sure we can help you learn and look after you at school.

For the same reasons, we get information about you from some other places too – like other schools, the local council and the government.

This information includes:

* Your contact details
* Your test results
* Your attendance
* Your characteristics, like your ethnic background or any special educational needs
* Any medical conditions you have / accidents you have in school
* Details of any behaviour issues or exclusions
* Any extra support you have in school
* Photographs
* CCTV images

**Why we use this data**

We use this data to help run the school, including to:

* Get in touch with you and your parents when we need to
* Check how you’re doing in exams and work out whether you or your teachers need any extra help
* Track how well the school as a whole is performing
* Look after your wellbeing

**Our legal basis for using this data**

We will only collect and use your information when the law allows us to. Most often, we will use your information where:

* We need to comply with the law
* We need to use it to carry out a task in the public interest (in order to provide you with an education)

Sometimes, we may also use your personal information where:

* You, or your parents/carers have given us permission to use it in a certain way
* We need to protect your interests (or someone else’s interest)

Where we have got permission to use your data, you or your parents/carers may withdraw this at any time. We will make this clear when we ask for permission, and explain how to go about withdrawing consent.

Some of the reasons listed above for collecting and using your information overlap, and there may be several grounds which mean we can use your data.

**Collecting this information**

While in most cases you, or your parents/carers, must provide the personal information we need to collect, there are some occasions when you can choose whether or not to provide the data.

We will always tell you if it’s optional. If you must provide the data, we will explain what might happen if you don’t.

**How we store this data**

We will keep personal information about you while you are a pupil at our school. We may also keep it after you have left the school, where we are required to by law.

We have a record retention schedule which sets out how long we must keep information about pupils – this can be found on our school website.

**Data sharing**

We do not share personal information about you with anyone outside the school without permission from you or your parents/carers, unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Where it is legally required, or necessary for another reason allowed under data protection law, we may share personal information about you with:

* *Our local authority – to meet our legal obligations to share certain information with it, such as safeguarding concerns and exclusions*
* *The Department for Education – they are responsible for children’s services and education - 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*](https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools)
* *The pupil’s family and representatives*
* *School that the pupil will attend in Year 7 or should they move school – their Common Transfer File*
* *Examining bodies – for SATS is Edexcel*
* *Our regulator - Ofsted to provide an independent assessment of the quality and standard of education in school*
* *Suppliers and service providers – to enable them to provide the service we have contracted them for*
* *Central and local government – for Census information and student assessment data*
* *Our auditors – to confirm correct financial procedures*
* *Health authorities – to enable pupils to have e.g. sight and hearing tests*
* *Health and social welfare organisations – e.g.CAMHS, educational psychologist*
* *Police forces, courts, tribunals – to assist in any dispute/incident involving pupils past and present*

**National Pupil Database**

We are required to provide information about pupils to the Department for Education as part of statutory data collections such as the school census.

Some of this information is then stored in the [National Pupil Database](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information) (NPD), which is owned and managed by the Department and provides evidence on school performance to inform research.

The database is held electronically so it can easily be turned into statistics. The information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and exam boards.

The Department for Education may share information from the NPD with other organisations which promote children’s education or wellbeing in England. Such organisations must agree to strict terms and conditions about how they will use 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>

**Transferring data internationally**

Where we share data with an organisation that is based outside the European Economic Area, we will protect your data by following data protection law.

**Your rights**

**How to access personal information we hold about you**

You can find out if we hold any personal information about you, and how we use it, by making a **‘subject access request’**, as long as we judge that you can properly understand your rights and what they mean.

If we do hold information about you, we will:

* Give you a description of it
* Tell you why we are holding and using it, and how long we will keep it for
* Explain where we got it from, if not from you or your parents
* Tell you who it has been, or will be, shared with
* Let you know if we are using your data to make any automated decisions (decisions being taken by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
* Give you a copy of the information

You may also ask us to send your personal information to another organisation electronically in certain circumstances.

If you want to make a request please contact our data protection officer.

**Your other rights over your data**

You have other rights over how your personal data is used and kept safe, including the right to:

* Say that you don’t want it to be used if this would cause, or is causing, harm or distress
* Stop it being used to send you marketing materials
* Say that you don’t want it used to make automated decisions (decisions made by a computer or machine, rather than by a person)
* Have it corrected, deleted or destroyed if it is wrong, or restrict our use of it
* Claim compensation if the data protection rules are broken and this harms you in some way

**Complaints**

We take any complaints about how we collect and use your personal data very seriously, so please let us know if you think we’ve done something wrong.

You can make a complaint at any time by contacting our data protection officer.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office in one of the following ways:

* Report a concern online at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>
* Call 0303 123 1113
* Or write to: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

**Contact us**

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about anything mentioned in this privacy notice, please contact our data protection officer:

* Linda Masterson 01772 612495