

## Victoria Park Junior School Data Privacy Notice



### **How we use pupil information;**

We Victoria Park Junior School are a data controller for the purpose of the General Data Protection Regulation. We collect information from you and may receive information about you from your previous school, local authority and/or the Department for Education.

We collect your information to;

- support pupil learning and the delivery of education
- monitor and report on pupil attainment progress
- provide appropriate pastoral care
- assess the quality of our services
- comply with the law regarding data sharing
- comply with our statutory obligations
- to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)

**The categories of pupil information that we collect, hold and share include;** (This list is not exhaustive)

- personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address)
- 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 key stage 1 and phonics results, post 16 courses enrolled for and any relevant results)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)
- trips and activities
- catering

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

UK GDPR Article 6: Lawfulness of processing and UK GDPR Article 9: Processing of special categories of personal data

Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject;

We are required to use pupil data when undertaking our legal obligations and to comply with our statutory functions.

The following information is processed as a result of the schools legal obligation; Pupil Name, Date of Birth, Gender, Image, Class details, Admission Date, ULN, UPN, Address, Family Members, Family Contact Details, GP Contact Details, Dietary Requirements, Ethnicity, Nationality, Religion, FSM, School History, Attendance, Medical Needs, Assessment Data, Behaviour Log, SEN Status.

The data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes;

The consent of parents/carers may be relied upon to process some forms of pupil data. We will request consent in the following circumstances;

- To allow us to process the personal and sensitive information for school visits (Name, DOB, Contact Telephone Number, Medical Requirements)
- When taking photographs of pupils to be used on the school website / used within the school environment
- When taking photographs by the school photographer [details of third party]
- To share information with Early Help

Where the legal reason for processing your personal information is based on your consent, you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of our processing prior to your withdrawal. Please contact **Victoria Park Junior School** should you wish to withdraw your consent for any of the above activities.

### **Collecting pupil information;**

We collect pupil information via data checking sheets when the child starts at the school. These are updated by parents/carers annually. We also collect pupil information via Common Transfer File (CTF) from their previous school.

Pupil data is essential for the schools' operational use. 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.

### **Storing pupil data;**

We hold all pupil data in line with the agreed retention schedule (available in Retention Schedule on school website Key Information - Data Protection). For more information on our data retention schedule and how we keep your data safe, please visit the school website Key Information - Data Protection.

### **Who we share pupil information with;**

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupil's attend after leaving us
- our local authority, Trafford Council
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- School Nursing Service & NHS
- Police

- Social Care

We will not give information about you to anyone outside this establishment without your consent unless the law permits it and our policies allow us to do so.

### **Why we share pupil information;**

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 for monitoring, tracking and provision of appropriate services, and to the Department for Education. The sharing of this information is subject to the legal bases under UK GDPR Article 6: Lawfulness of processing and UK GDPR Article 9: Processing of special categories of personal data

Information is shared via the school census and access to SIMS for statutory attendance data.

These organisations are then required to share some of this information with trusted partners including NHS Trusts and other Local Authorities in the case of admissions. Appropriate data will be used by certain Local Authority services to provide the best support possibly to children and young people.

### **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 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. 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, please contact the school office on 0161 912 5005 to make a request or alternatively you can view our Data Subject Rights Policy on the website under Key Information - Data Protection.

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

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 via the school office on

0161 912 5005. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

## **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 November 2022.

## **Contact**

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact the school office on 0161 912 5005.