

## St Thomas More Primary School

### Privacy Notice for pupils and their families

(How we use pupil information)

The Trust processes pupil and some parent personal data and is the Data Controller of this personal data. The Trust Data Protection Officer is responsible for data protection and can be contacted at [farquhar.j@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk](mailto:farquhar.j@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk)

This notice sets out how the school manages the personal data it uses.

#### **The categories of pupil information that we collect, hold and share include:**

- personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- assessment information
- relevant medical information
- special educational needs information
- exclusions / behavioural information
- CCTV images (We use CCTV to make sure the school site is safe and pupils are safeguarded. Where CCTV is used in private areas such as toilets, it is positioned so as not to compromise privacy)

#### **Why we collect and use this information**

We use the pupil data:

- to support pupil learning e.g.
  - personal information to enable accurate pupil records
  - attendance data
  - behavioural information
  - where relevant, details of special educational needs or medical conditions
- to monitor and report on pupil progress e.g.
  - assessment data, including from previous schools
- to provide appropriate pastoral care e.g.
  - attendance or behavioural data may provide an indication of the requirement for pastoral support
  - information about any family circumstances which might affect your child's welfare or happiness.
  - CCTV images may provide evidence of poor behaviour
- to assess the quality of our services e.g.
  - assessment data
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to comply with a legal obligation e.g safeguarding of pupils.
  - CCTV images

We also use personal data of parents/carers to support pupil learning and provide appropriate pastoral care by maintaining up to date contact information to enable efficient communication including in case of emergency.

### **The lawful bases on which we use this information**

The School holds the legal right to collect and use personal data relating to pupils and their families, and may also receive information regarding them from their previous school, LA and/or the Department for Education (DfE).

We collect and use personal data in order to meet legal requirements and legitimate interests set out in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and UK law, including those in relation to the following:

- Article 6 and Article 9 of the GDPR (from 25 May 2018)
  - consent of the Data Subject e.g use of images and videos of your child
  - the legitimate interest of providing educational services to your child
  - compliance with a legal obligation e.g. safeguarding pupils
  - to protect the vital interests of a Data Subject or another person e.g. promoting the welfare of pupils
- Education Act 1996 e.g. submission of school census returns
- Regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013

### **Collecting pupil information**

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 whether this will need pupil or parental consent, which we will contact you about accordingly.

### **Storing pupil data**

Personal data relating to pupils and their families is stored in line with the Trust's GDPR Data Protection Policy. A copy of which can be found at:

<http://sthildasacademy.co.uk/documents/data-protection/>

In accordance with the GDPR, the school does not store personal data indefinitely; data is only stored for as long as is necessary to complete the task for which it was originally collected. A full list of data retention periods is available in the Trust's GDPR Data Protection Policy.

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

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupil attends after leaving us
- our Local Authority (LA)
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- The NHS

The LA, under strict information sharing protocols and policies, may be required to share this information with other public sector partners such as other Local Authorities or local Children's Centres.

### **Why we 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. Data is always shared using secure methods.

The legal basis for sharing data with other schools and the LA is "the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Data Controller."

We share pupils' data with the 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 the DfE under regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

**Data collection requirements:**

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the 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 DfE 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

The DfE has robust processes in place to ensure the confidentiality of its 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 DfE'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. Contact the Data Protection Officer to make a request for your personal information, or be given access to your child's educational record.

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
- data portability
- 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

Where the processing of your data is based on your consent, you have the right to withdraw this consent at any time.

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. Alternatively, you can contact 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 the school's Data Protection Lead at:

St Thomas More Primary School  
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Easterside  
Middlesbrough  
TS4 3QH  
01642 317350

### **Where can you find out more information?**

If you would like to find out more information about how we and/or the DfE collect, use and store your personal data, please visit our website [www.stthomasmoreprimary.org.uk](http://www.stthomasmoreprimary.org.uk) or download our GDPR Data Protection Policy.