

PRIVACY NOTICE FOR PUPILS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF:

Pear Tree Primary School

Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)

Why do we collect and use pupil information?

We, Pear Tree Primary School collect and process pupil information as part of our public functions under both the Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulation. An example of this is the school census return which is a statutory requirement on schools under [Section 537A of the Education Act 1996](#).

We use the pupil data:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to keep children safe (food allergies, medical conditions or emergency contact details)
- to meet the statutory duties placed upon us for DfE data collections

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

- Personal information (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)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Assessment and attainment (such as key stage 1 and 2 and phonics results)
- Behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)
- Medical and administration (such as doctors information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements)
- Special educational needs information (including the needs and ranking)

Collecting pupil information

We collect pupil information from registration forms when a child joins the school and from Common Transfer Files (CTFs) which is a secure file transfer from 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.

Retention of pupil data

We retain pupil data in line with the IRMS (Information and Records Management Society) guidelines.

How will my information be stored?

Information is stored on SIMS (Schools Information Management System), on CPOMS (Child Protection on-line system) and in paper based files, which are securely stored.

Who do we share pupil information with?

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- School Nurse Service
- Health Professionals
- Social Workers
- Cheshire East Catering
- Teachers 2 Parents
- School Pupil Tracker
- Evolve (School Trips risk assessment)
- Prime (accident reporting system)
- CPOMS (safeguarding and child protection system)
- Learning Book (Early Years Foundation Stage Journey system)

Why we share pupil information

We do not share information about our pupils with anyone without consent unless the law allows us to do so.

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 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 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 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 pupil information we share with the department, for the purpose of data collections, go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

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:
- 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 in compliance with the GDPR.

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>

Will this information be used to take automated decisions about me?

Pear Tree Primary School does not use systems that make automated decisions.

Will my data be transferred abroad and why?

Pear Tree Primary School does not transfer data abroad.

Requesting access to your personal data

You have the right under the Data Protection Act 1998 (General Data Protection Regulation) to request a copy of your information and to know what it is used for and how it has been shared. This is called the right of subject access.

To make a request for your personal information, or be given access to your child's educational record, contact admin@peartree.cheshire.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
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations

If you have a concern 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:

Boo Edleston – Headteacher

Ruth Hadfield – Deputy Headteacher

Delia Hak – Data Protection Officer