



# PRINCE REGENT TRUST

## Privacy Notice for Pupils

Within Prince Regent Street Trust we ensure that pupil information is only processed, stored and shared for appropriate lawful purposes. This privacy notice provides guidelines as to the information we process in school and how, why and with whom it is used and shared.

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

- Personal information (name, unique pupil number, address and contact details)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language spoken at home, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Medical information
- Information relating to Special Educational Needs
- Stockton Local Authority, including the Catering department

### **We collect and use the pupil information:**

- To support learning and teaching
- To monitor and report on pupil progress
- To provide appropriate pastoral and safeguarding care
- To assess the quality of our school services
- To comply with the General Data Protection Regulations

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

We collect and use pupil information under the lawful basis that the data subject (or parent/legal guardian) has given consent to Prince Regent Street Trust to process personal data. We also process personal data in order to protect the vital interests of all data subjects who attend a school within Prince Regent Street Trust.

### **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 Regulations, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain pupil information to us or whether you have a choice in this.

### **Storing pupil data**

We hold pupil personal data for up to fifteen years in an archived section of our SIMS system. All other personal data we process on pupils is erased or transferred to the next setting when a

pupil leaves Prince Regent Street Trust. All personal data that is used by Prince Regent Street Trust staff is stored on secure school servers or on cloud web storage.

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

We routinely share pupil information with:

- Schools that the pupil attends after leaving us
- Our local authority
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- School nurse (where appropriate)
- Relevant third party professionals and suppliers

## **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.

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.

## **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 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, contact Mrs. S. Hawes. Data Protection Officer.

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 General Data Protection Regulations

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: Mrs. S. Hawes