

# Lawrence House School

## Privacy Notice

(How we use information concerning our pupils)

### 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
- photos/videos/sound recordings
- information relating to episodes of being a child in need (such as referral information, assessment information, Section 47 information, Initial Child Protection information and Child Protection Plan information)
- episodes of being looked after (such as important dates, information on placements)
- outcomes for looked after children (such as whether health and dental assessments are up to date, strengths and difficulties questionnaire scores and offending)

### Why we collect and use this information

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 celebrate our pupil achievements

- to engage with the wider school community
- support you and monitor your progress
- provide you with pastoral care
- assess the quality of our services
- evaluate and improve our policies on children's social care

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

We collect and use pupil information in the public interest as a school is considered to be a public body and it is obviously in the public interest that we operate schools and educate our children. Processing your data is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the school is subject. Accordingly, for all the common tasks carried out by Lawrence House School we do not need to ask for the data subject's consent but rather we can use 'public interest' as our legal basis for processing the appropriate personal data. However, consents are sought where appropriate for example use of photographs.

## **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 if you have a choice in this.

## **Storing pupil data**

We will only retain your personal information for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of your education. How long we keep different aspects of your personal information are affected by the fact that pupils who attend are school are 'in care' and records may be kept for up to 40 years should you ever wish to find out more about your care and education while living with Quality Protects, who operate the school and the homes where you live.

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

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupil's attend after leaving us
- Exam registrations with awarding bodies
- our local authority and children's home you live in
- our clinical team (who may contribute to our assessments)
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- safeguarding professionals

- Parents and carers (day to day this is usually the staff in the home where you live)
- Website audience – names are not used in any photographs and permission will be sought before material is added to the school pages. We do not use Facebook, twitter or other similar media platforms.

Some of the above grounds for processing will overlap and there may be several grounds which justify our use of your personal information.

## 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 children in need and children looked after data with the Department on a statutory basis, under Section 83 of 1989 Children's Act, Section 7 of the Young People's Act 2008 and also under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013. This data sharing helps to develop national policies, manage local authority performance, administer and allocate funding and identify and encourage good practice.

We do not share information about our children in need or children looked after with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

## Data collection requirements:

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education go to:

Children looked after: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-looked-after-return>

Children in need: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-in-need-census>

## 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 the school's **Education Coordinator: Fay Donnelly**

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, 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:

**Fay Donnelly, Education Coordinator**