

ST MARY'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)



St Mary's C.E.V.A. Primary School is the Data Controller for the use of personal data in this privacy notice.

The categories of pupil information that we process include:

- 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)
- school meal & free school meal management
- school trips contact information

Why we collect and use pupil information

The personal data collected is essential, for the school to fulfil their official functions and meet legal requirements.

We collect and use pupil information, for the following purposes:

- a) to support pupil learning
- b) to monitor and report on pupil attainment progress
- c) to provide appropriate pastoral care
- d) to assess the quality of our services
- e) to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- f) to meet the statutory duties placed upon us by the Department for Education

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use pupil information under section 537A of the Education Act 1996, section 83 of the Children Act 1989, The Data Protection Act 2018 and The UK General Data Protection Regulation including Article 6 'Lawfulness of processing' and Article 9 'Processing of special categories of personal data'

<https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

Collecting pupil information

We collect pupil information from a number of sources, for example, registration forms at the start of the school year or Common Transfer File (CTF) or 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 requested on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the data protection legislation, we will inform you at the point of collection, whether you are required to provide certain pupil information to us or if you have a choice in this and we will tell you what you need to do if you do not want to share this information with us.

Storing pupil data

We hold pupil data securely for the set amount of time shown in our data retention policy.

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.

Who do we share pupil information with?

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools
- local authorities
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- School Nurse
- In order to assist with our duty of care to all of our pupils the school has made the decision to use a text messaging/e-mailing service to communicate more easily on a number of subjects such as emergency closure, reminders of holidays and events and to inform parents or designated carers of important issues. The service will send a standard text message or e-mail to the designated mobile phone number/e-mail address. The same service provider runs the school payment system "School Money" which we use to collect payments for Breakfast Club, School trips, swimming etc... Apart from the contact telephone number, e-mail address and the pupil's name, no other personal data will be retained by the service provider:

Eduspot
Darker Street
Leicester
LE1 4QA

enquiry@eduspot.co.uk Tele: 02072378456

- The school has chosen to use an on-line booking system for clubs and parent evenings. Apart from contact telephone number, e-mail address, pupil's name and D.O.B. no other data will be retained by the service provider:

School Cloud Systems
20-23 Woodside Place
Glasgow
G3 7QF
Tele: 03333443403

- The school uses an on-line system to raise and monitor safeguarding concerns. The system will hold the child's name, address and D.O.B. no other data will be retained by this service provider: My concern have their own privacy statement which can be found at www.myconcern.co.uk/privacy-policy/

One Team Logic Limited
Unit 2
Talbot Green Business Park
Heil-y-Twyn
Talbot Green
CF72 9FG
Tele:0330 6600 757

- We are currently using an on-line system “Class dojo” as a behaviour and achievement tracker and a system to showcase curriculum work. The system will hold the child’s name and parents e-mail. The company have their own privacy statement which can be found at www.classdojo.com/privacy/

Class dojo
735 Tehama Street
San Francisco
California
94103
U.S.A
hello@classdojo.com

- To assist with Maths learning the school use “Times Tables Rockstar/Numbots” software in class and for homework. The system holds the child’s name, no other data will be retained by the service provider. Maths Circle Ltd have their own privacy statement that can be found at <https://ttrockstars.com/page/privacy>

Maths Circle Ltd
The Ossory Offices
Hazelwood Lane
Ampthill
Beds
MK45 2HF

support@ttrockstars.com Tele: 01234 674123

- To assist with Spelling the school use “Spelling frame” software in class and for homework. The system holds the child’s name, no other data will be retained by the service provider. Spelling frame have their own privacy statement that can be found at <https://spellingframe.co.uk/sitemedia/spellingframe-gdpr.pdf>

Maths frame Ltd
Dene House
Bridge Street
Kineton
Warwick
CV35 0HP

- The catering team Dolce use School Grid for parents to order and pay for children’s lunches. The system holds the child’s name, dietary preference, medical dietary needs, free school meals details. Sodexo have their own privacy statement that can be found at:

<https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/termsfuse/Privacy-Policy.pdf>

School Grid Ltd
Rowan House
Quarrywood Court
Livingston
EH54 6AX

support@schoolgrid.co.uk Tele: 01506 300310

For a comprehensive list of all suppliers please contact the school office.

Department for Education

The Department for Education (DfE) collects personal data from educational settings and local authorities via various statutory data collections. We are required to share information about our pupils with the Department for Education (DfE) either directly or via our local authority for the purpose of those data collections, under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

All data is transferred securely and held by DfE under a combination of software and hardware controls, which meet the current [government security policy framework](#).

For more information, please see 'How Government uses your data' section at the end of this notice.

Local Authorities

We may be required to share information about our pupils with the local authority to ensure that they can conduct their statutory duties under

- the [Schools Admission Code](#), including conducting Fair Access Panels.

Your local council is a partner in Connecting Care, a project which links social care information with health information.

The Connecting Care Local Record is a new way for staff who are directly involved in a child's care to share relevant information about their care in a way that is secure, controlled, consistent and efficient. It allows health and local council staff who are directly involved in a child's care access to a summary of existing records, such as those held by the GP, hospital or social care provider.

Staff who are directly involved in a child's care, will only access their record with a legitimate reason, and if they can, they will ask your permission before they look at it.

The Connecting Care Record will contain information such as:

- who is involved in a child's care;
- any allergies they have;
- medications;
- recent appointments (but only whether they were attended, this will not include any information about what was discussed at that appointment);
- diagnoses.

The Connecting Care record will not contain information about conversations with the GP or any information on sensitive subjects such as sexual health. Staff who have a responsibility for designing services to improve children's general well-being will also have access to relevant information from the record. The detail that staff can see is linked to the job they do. If for their job they don't need to see specific information, they cannot see it.

Connecting Care has been established in order to share important health and social care information to support the care of the wider Bristol population. Your contact with local Connecting Care [NHS Partner Organisations](#) may result in them seeking your consent to participate in a research study. Where you have consented to participate in such a study, the research team may access the information held by GPs and Hospital Trusts through Connecting Care to ensure that your participation (or those that you are responsible for) will not put you at risk of increased harm, and is suitable for the aims of the study. If you later choose to withdraw from the study, the research team will discuss the use of your information with you. As part of the consent process, the research team will inform you of the information they would seek access to.

If you require further information about Connecting Care, how it works, how information is shared and protected, and how you can opt out (and the implications for doing so) please contact PALS on 0800 073 0907, or visit <https://www.connectingcarebnssg.co.uk>

Your local council also shares a limited amount of school enrolment information with the South West Child Health Information System (CHIS), which is used by local organisations to deliver child health

services safely, effectively and efficiently. The CHIS maintains a record of all children from birth up to the age of 19 and receives data from General Practice, maternity departments, health visitor providers, screening providers and school age vaccination providers.

The information shared by the school with CHIS includes:

- School assigned ID and/or NHS number
- Pupil name and gender
- Pupil date of birth
- Pupil home postcode
- Pupil start date at the school

The CHIS is commissioned by NHS England on behalf of Public Health England and the service is provided by Health Intelligence Ltd. If you require further information about the CHIS, how it works and how information is shared and protected, please visit: <http://www.swchis.co.uk>

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:

Liz Baker, School Business Manager 01454 867155 office@stmarysyate.org.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
- a right to seek redress, either through the ICO, or through the courts

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/>

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by DfE, please see the 'How Government uses your data' section at the end of this notice.

Withdrawal of consent and the right to lodge a complaint

Where we are processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting

Liz Baker, School Business Manager 01454 867155 office@stmarysyate.org.uk

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 on 8th September 2025.

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:

Bethan Scriven, Head of School 01454 867155 office@stmarysyate.org.uk

Or

Liz Baker, School Business Manager 01454 867155 office@stmarysyate.org.uk

How Government uses your data

The pupil data that we lawfully share with the DfE through data collections:

- underpins school funding, which is calculated based upon the numbers of children and their characteristics in each school.
- informs 'short term' education policy monitoring and school accountability and intervention (for example, school GCSE results or Pupil Progress measures).
- supports 'longer term' research and monitoring of educational policy (for example how certain subject choices go on to affect education or earnings beyond school)

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)

Much of the data about pupils in England goes on to be held in 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.

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>

Sharing by the Department

The law allows the Department to share pupils' personal data with certain third parties, including:

- schools
- local authorities
- researchers
- organisations connected with promoting the education or wellbeing of children in England
- other government departments and agencies
- organisations fighting or identifying crime

For more information about the Department's NPD data sharing process, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

Organisations fighting or identifying crime may use their legal powers to contact DfE to request access to individual level information relevant to detecting that crime. Whilst numbers fluctuate slightly over time, DfE typically supplies data on around 600 pupils per year to the Home Office and roughly 1 per year to the Police.

For information about which organisations the Department has provided pupil information, (and for which project) or to access a monthly breakdown of data share volumes with the Home Office and the Police, please visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfe-external-data-shares>

How to find out what personal information DfE hold about you

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018, you are entitled to ask the Department:

- if they are processing your personal data
- for a description of the data they hold about you
- the reasons they're holding it and any recipient it may be disclosed to
- for a copy of your personal data and any details of its source

If you want to see the personal data held about you by the Department, you should make a 'subject access request'. Further information on how to do this can be found within the Department's personal information charter that is published at the address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter>

To contact DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>