

Privacy Notice for Students:

Under the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation and data protection legislation, Beacon High is subject to a variety of obligations as the data controller of personal data (information) about pupils and their parents, carers and families.

Personal data is information that identifies you and your child and is about you and your child. This personal data might be provided to us by you, or provided by someone else (for example another school) or it could be created by the school.

This notice explains what personal data we hold about you and your child, how that information is collected, how we use and may share information about you and your child. Our Data Protection Officer is Karen Tumbridge

The categories of pupil information that we process include:

- personal information and contacts (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address)
- characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, and free school meal eligibility)
- safeguarding information
- information about special educational needs
- medical information (such as doctors information, child health, dental health, allergies, medication and dietary requirements)
- attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences, absence reasons and any previous schools attended)
- assessment and attainment (such as national curriculum assessment results and reports on pupil progress and attainment)
- behavioural information (such as exclusions and any relevant alternative provision put in place)
- photographs, images, audio/visual recordings and CCTV*

Why we collect and use pupil information

We collect and use your child's personal information to:

- to support pupil learning and educational provision
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to moderate teacher assessment judgments
- to provide appropriate pastoral care and support services
- to assess the quality of our services
- to keep children safe (food allergies, or emergency contact details)
- to safeguard children and young people
- to reduce the incidence of children missing education
- to support children at risk from permanent exclusion
- to support (primary), (secondary) and in-year admissions process
- to meet the statutory duties placed upon us for DfE data collections

We will not use your child's personal data for an unrelated purpose without telling you about it and the legal basis that we intend to rely on for that processing.

The lawful basis on which we use this information

In most situations we collect and use pupil information because the processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the school, as data controller, is subject, or in the exercise of official authority in our capacity as a school.

In particular, we collect and use personal information under section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and under section 83 of the Children Act 1989, to provide information to the Secretary of State and to carry out tasks in the public interest.

If we need to process 'special category data', we rely upon reasons of substantial public interest, for example promoting and securing equality of opportunity and eliminating discrimination. If special category data is processed for any other reason, you will be informed of the additional legal basis for this.

If there is processing or sharing that relies upon your consent, we will make this clear to you and ensure that we seek your consent. You will always be able to withdraw your consent at any time.

Collecting pupil information

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 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.

Storing pupil data

We will always hold personal information about you and your child securely and in accordance with the law.

We will retain and delete information in accordance with the School's Records Management Policy / retention policy and as otherwise required by the General Data Protection Regulation and data protection legislation in force from time to time.

Who 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)
- the NHS – school nurse
- Camden & Islington Public Health
- where the pupil is not resident in Islington, with their respective local authority
- Ofsted

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.

Youth support services
Pupils aged 13+

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we also pass pupil information to our local authority and / or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- youth support services
- careers advisers

The information shared is limited to the child's name, address and date of birth. However where a parent or guardian provides their consent, other information relevant to the provision of youth support services will be shared. This right is transferred to the child / pupil once they reach the age 16.

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For more information about services for young people, please visit our local authority website: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/young-people>

Department for Education

We regularly share pupil data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.

The DfE also 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 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](#).

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the DfE (for example; the school census) go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

The National Pupil Database

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 Karen Tumbridge, Business Manager.

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

We will always seek to comply with your request, however, we may be required to hold or use your data in order to comply with our legal duties. Please also note that your request may delay or prevent us delivering a service to you.

If you have a concern or complaint 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:

- Ms Karen Tumbridge at karen.tumbridge@egas.islington.sch.uk