



## Privacy Notice

### Information about pupils in schools

#### Why do we collect and use pupil information?

Margaret McMillan Primary School collects and uses pupil information under the principle of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which states that data is used for “specified, explicit and legitimate purposes”.

#### 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

#### 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 and behavioural information

#### Why we are allowed to use your data

- The majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory and where we have legal obligation or public task under various UK laws including but not limited to:
  - The Education Act 1944, 1996, 2002
  - The Education & Adoption Act 2016
  - The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013
  - The Education and Skills Act 2008
  - The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006
  - Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities in England to Identify Children Not Receiving Education – February 2007
  - The Education and Inspections Act 2006
  - The Children Act 1989, 2004
  - The Childcare Act 2006
  - The Children & Families Act 2014
  - Local Safeguarding Children Boards Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/90)
  - Contract (traded services)

## **Storing pupil data**

We hold pupil data in line with the Information Records Management Society <http://irms.org.uk>

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

We routinely share pupil information with:

- Schools that pupils attend after leaving us
- Our local authority
- The Department for Education (DfE)
- The school nurse/NHS

## **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.

## **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**

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 purposes 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 of 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 more 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 the DfE go to <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

To contact our local authority go to <https://bso.bradford.gov.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 the Headteacher.

**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>

**Other disclosures**

We will advise you at the time, should we wish to disclose your child's data to any other appropriate third party (ie new contractors/partners), and this Privacy Notice will be updated.

**Contact**

If you would like to discuss anything in this Privacy Notice, please contact:

Lorraine Martin  
Headteacher  
Margaret McMillan Primary School  
Scotchman Road  
Bradford BD9 5DF

Or

Tracey Parry  
Chief Operating Officer/Data Protection Officer  
The Priestley Academy Trust  
Green Lane  
Bradford BD8 8HT

If you cannot access any of the websites mentioned within this document please contact the school on 01274 495934