

# West Hill Primary School

## How We Use Your Information Privacy Notice for Pupils

### Introduction

This notice is to help parents understand **how** and **why** West Hill Primary School collects your child's personal information and **what** we do with that information. It also explains the decisions that you can make about your child's information.

We are giving you this notice because you are able to exercise your child's data protection rights on their behalf. When your child is older (usually when they reach the age of 13) they will be considered mature enough to exercise their own data protection rights.

If you have any questions about this notice please talk to the Headteacher.

### What is "personal information"?

Personal information is information that the School holds about your child and which identifies your child.

This includes information such as their date of birth and address as well as things like exam results, medical details and behaviour records. The School may also record your child's religion or ethnic group. CCTV, photos and video recordings of your child are also personal information.

### How and why does the School collect and use personal information?

We set out below examples of the different ways in which we use personal information and where this personal information comes from. Our primary reason for using your child's information is to provide your child with an education.

The admissions forms which you complete give us personal information about your child. We get information from your child, their teachers and other pupils. Your child's old school also gives us information about your child if we need this to teach and care for them.

Sometimes we get information from your child's doctor and other professionals where we need this to look after your child.

We collect this information to help the School run properly, safely and to let others know what we do here. Here are some examples:

- We need to tell all appropriate members of staff if your child is allergic to something or might need extra help with some tasks.
- We may need to share information about your child's health and wellbeing with the School Nurse or counsellor.
- We may need to report some of your child's information to the government. For example, we may need to tell the local authority that your child attends our school or let them know if we have any concerns about your child's welfare.
- We may need information about any court orders or criminal petitions which relate to your child. This is so that we can safeguard your child's welfare and wellbeing and the other pupils at the school.
- Depending on where your child will go when they leave us we may need to provide their information to other schools. For example, we may share information about your child's

results and provide references. We may need to pass on information, which they need to look after your child.

- We may need to share information with the police or our legal advisers if something goes wrong or to help with an inquiry. For example, if one of your child's classmates is injured at school or if there is a burglary.
- Occasionally we may use consultants, experts and other advisors to assist the School in fulfilling its obligations and to help run the School properly. We might need to share your child's information with them if this is relevant to their work.
- If your child have misbehaved in a serious way, and the police have become involved, we may need to use information about the action taken by the police.
- We may share some information with our insurance company to make sure that we have the insurance cover that we need.
- We may share your child's academic and (where fair) their behaviour records with you or their education guardian so you can support their schooling.
- We will only share your child's information with other people and organisations when we have a good reason to do so. In exceptional circumstances, we may need to share it more widely than we would normally.
- We will monitor your child's use of email, the internet and mobile electronic devices e.g. iPads. This is to check that your child is not misbehaving when using this technology or putting themselves at risk of harm. If you would like more information about this you can read the acceptable use of IT and email policy or speak to your child's class teacher.
- We publish our public exam results, sports fixtures and other news on the website and put articles and photographs in the local news to tell people about what we have been doing.
- We sometimes use contractors to handle personal information on our behalf. The following are examples:
  - IT consultants who might access information about your child when checking the security of our IT network; and
  - we use third party "cloud computing" services to store some information rather than the information being stored on hard drives located on the school site.

If you have any concerns about the above, please speak to child's class teacher.

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

We routinely share pupil information with:

- Other schools at transition points when pupils join or leave the school
- Multi agency support when appropriate for example the Early Help (Thrive) assessment services (EHITs), the National Health Services, School nurse, CAMHS, CAFCAS, Educational Welfare Service, Speech and Language Service, Pupil Referral Services, the Educational Psychology Service, Garratt Park advisory service, Special Needs Assessment section, Early Years' service, Occupational Therapy, the service for moderate learning difficulties, the Language Unit services, the ASD base services, IPOC, Children's Services, Multi-disciplinary assessment team, the police.
- Teaching & Learning applications, EES for Schools (Target Tracker assessment software), SIMS, Pearson Group, Education City

- Eduspot who provide schoolmoney.co.uk for school activities, lunches and trips that require payments; Kick London and Enable who provide after school clubs; Inentry who run our system for signing in and signing out of pupils outside of register times.
- The Department for Education. We share pupils' data with the Department for Education on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.
- Our local authority. We are required to share information about our pupils with our local authority under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

### **Our legal grounds for using your information**

This section contains information about the legal basis that we are relying on when handling your child's information.

#### **Public interests**

This means that the processing of your child's data is necessary for public interests. The School relies on public interests for most of the ways in which it uses your child's information.

Specifically, the School has a public interest in:

- Providing your child with an education.
- Safeguarding and promoting your child's welfare and the welfare of other children.
- Promoting the objectives and interests of the School.
- Facilitating the efficient operation of the School.
- Ensuring that all relevant legal obligations of the School are complied with.

If you object to us using your child's information where we are relying on our public interests as explained above please speak to Julie Dobson.

#### **Legal obligation**

Where the School needs to use your child's information in order to comply with a legal obligation, for example to report a concern about your child's wellbeing to Children's Services, we may also have to disclose your child's information to third parties such as the courts, the local authority or the police where legally obliged to do so.

#### **Legitimate interest**

Personal data may be processed on the basis that the school has a legitimate interest in processing that data, provided that such legitimate interest is not overridden by the rights or freedoms of the child.

The School must also comply with an additional condition where it processes special categories of personal information. These special categories include: personal information revealing cultural or ethnic origin, religious beliefs, gender information and health information.

#### **Vital interests**

To protect the vital interests of any person where that person cannot give consent, for example, if they are seriously hurt and are unconscious.

#### **Legal claims**

The processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims. This allows us to share information with our legal advisors and insurers.

### **Collecting Personal Information**

We may ask for your consent to use your child's information in certain ways. If we ask for your consent to use your child's personal information you can take back this consent at any time. Any use of your child's information before you withdraw your consent remains valid. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to withdraw any consent given.

### **Sending information to other countries**

We may send your child's information to countries which do not have the same level of protection for personal information as there is the UK. For example, we may store your child's information on cloud computer storage based overseas or communicate with you about your child by email when you are overseas (for example, when you are on holiday).

The European Commission has produced a list of countries which have adequate data protection rules. The list can be found here: [http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/international-transfers/adequacy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/international-transfers/adequacy/index_en.htm)

If the country that we are sending your information to is not on the list or, is not a country within the EEA (which means the European Union, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland) then, it might not have the same level of protection for personal information as there is the UK.

We will provide you with details about the safeguards which we have in place outside of this privacy notice. If you have any questions about the safeguards that are in place please contact <the Headteacher>.

### **For how long do we keep your child's information?**

We keep your child's information for as long as we need to in order to educate and look after them.

We will keep certain information after your child has left the School.

In exceptional circumstances, we may keep your child's information for a longer time than usual, but we would only do so if we had a good reason and only if we are allowed to do so under data protection law.

### **What decisions can you make about your child's information?**

From May 2018 you will be able to make various decisions about your child's information. Some of these are new rights whilst others build on your child's existing rights. Your child's rights are as follows:

- if information is incorrect you can ask us to correct it;
- you can also ask what information we hold about your child and be provided with a copy. We will also give you extra information, such as why we use this information about your child, where it came from and what types of people we have sent it to;
- you can ask us to delete the information that we hold about your child in certain circumstances. For example, where we no longer need the information;
- you can ask us to send you, or another organisation, certain types of information about your child in a format that can be read by computer;
- our use of information about your child may be restricted in some cases. For example, if you tell us that the information is inaccurate we can only use it for limited purposes while we check its accuracy.

**Further information and guidance**

This notice is to explain how we look after your child's personal information. The Headteacher can answer any questions which you might have.

Please speak to the Headteacher if:

- you object to us using your child's information for marketing purposes e.g. to send your child information about school events. We will stop using your child's information for marketing purposes if you tell us not to; or
- you would like us to update the information we hold about your child; or
- you would prefer that certain information is kept confidential.

If you consider that we have not acted properly when using your child's personal information you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office: [ico.org.uk](http://ico.org.uk).