



Middlewich High School

Privacy notice for Pupils, Parents and Guardians

Why do we collect and use pupil information?

Middlewich High School is the Data Controller for any personal data processed and collects and pupil information as part of our public functions under both the Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulation. An example of this is the school census return, which is a statutory requirement on schools under [Section 537A of the Education Act 1996](#). This means that we are responsible for making decisions about what data we collect, how we use it, who we share it with and how long we keep it.

The School collects and processes personal data (including special category data) about pupils and parents for a range of purposes linked to our responsibility to educate and develop young people. These are:

- For the purposes of pupil admission (and to confirm the identity of prospective pupils and their parents);
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- To provide education services and extra-curricular activities to pupils, and monitoring pupils' progress and educational needs;
- To derive statistics which inform decisions related to the funding of schools and the management of our budget;
- To safeguard pupils' welfare and provide appropriate pastoral (and where necessary medical) care;
- To give and receive information and references about past, current and prospective pupils, and to provide references to potential employers of past pupils;
- In order to manage internal policy and procedure;
- To enable pupils to take part in national or other assessments, and to publish the results of public examinations or other achievements of pupils of the school;
- For the purposes of management planning and forecasting, research and statistical analysis, including those imposed or provided for by law (such as diversity analysis);
- For legal and regulatory purposes (for example child protection, diversity monitoring and health and safety) and to comply with legal obligations and duties of care;
- To enable relevant authorities to monitor the school's performance and to intervene or assist with incidents as appropriate (for example Ofsted);
- To monitor (as appropriate) use of the school's IT and communications systems in accordance with the school's IT security policy;
- To make use of photographic images of pupils in school publications, on the school website and (where appropriate) on the school's social media channels;
- To allow pupils to take part in appropriate school trips, visits and other school organised events;
- To provide appropriate pastoral care;
- To comply with our responsibilities for the prevention and detection of crime
- For security purposes, including CCTV in accordance with the school's CCTV policy; and
- Where otherwise reasonably necessary for the school's purposes, including to obtain appropriate professional advice and insurance for the school.

The categories of pupil information that we collect, hold and share include:

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number, address, contact details and emergency contact)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality and country of birth)
- Your relationship to the child, including any court orders that may be in place
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Assessment information
- Exclusions/behavioural information
- Relevant medical information
- Special educational needs information
- Financial details, such as eligibility for free school meals or other financial assistance
- CCTV Footage when you attend the school site
- Photographs, for example students participating in school activities
- Computer usage, for example websites visited
- Post 16 learning information

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.

Where do we get your personal data from?

We will obtain an amount of your personal data from you, by way of information gathering exercises at appropriate times such as when your child joins Middlewich High School, and when you attend the Middlewich High School site and are captured by our CCTV system. We may also obtain information about you from other sources. This might include information from the Local Authorities or other professionals or bodies, including a Court, which might raise concerns in relation to your child.

Storing pupil data

We hold pupil data / files in line with IRMS guidance until the pupil reaches 25 years of age.

How your information will be stored?

Data is stored securely in electronic and hard copy form.

Who do we share pupil information with?

We are required to share data with a number of key organisations:

- the Department for Education (DfE) - on a statutory basis under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013;
- Ofsted;
- Youth support services – under section 507B of the Education Act 1996, to enable them to provide information regarding training and careers as part of the education or training of 13-19 year olds;
- Other Schools that pupils have attended/will attend;
- NHS for delivery of child health services, such as inoculation programmes and school nurses. They also use information about pupils for data research and statistical purposes;
- School Nurse and NHS for analysing and presenting a range of health & social care data, including height and weight of pupils;

- Welfare services (such as social services);
- Law enforcement officials such as the police;
- LADO;
- The local authority;
- Named third party service providers such as payment processing providers

The School always ensures that reasons for sharing data with any of these organisations are in accordance with the GDPR and put in place appropriate safeguards for any personal data transfers.

Aged 14+ qualifications

For pupils enrolling for post 14 qualifications, the Learning Records Service will give us a pupil's unique learner number (ULN) and may also give us details about the pupil's learning or qualifications

Why we share pupil information

We do not share information about our pupils with anyone without consent unless the law allows 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>.

Youth support services

What is different about 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

A parent/guardian can request that **only** their child's name, address and date of birth is passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us. This right is transferred to the child/pupil once he/she reaches the age 16.

For more information about services for young people, please visit our local authority website http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/care-and-support-for-children/services-from-childrens-social-care/youth-offending-and-preventative-services/youth_support.aspx

or the National Careers Service page

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/aboutus/Pages/default.aspx>

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 pupil information we share with the department, for the purpose 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 and sensitivity of data requested:
- 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 in compliance with the GDPR.

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>

Will this information be used to take automated decisions about me

The school, the LA and DfE do not use it for these purposes]

Will my data be transferred abroad and why?

The school and the LA do not do this. The DfE would only do it if it might meet the strict conditions laid down (see above)]

Requesting access to your personal data

You have the right under the Data Protection Act 1998 (General Data Protection Regulation) to request a copy of your information and to know what it is used for and how it has been shared. This is called the right of subject access.

To make a request for your personal information, or be given access to your child's educational record, contact Mrs Laura Platt, Personnel Business Manager, lplatt@mhs.school

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/>

Contact:

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

Mrs K McBurnie, Data Protection Officer for Sir John Brunner Foundation at McBurnie_K.sjbf@sjd.ac.uk

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